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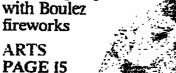
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Only half of peers register interests

Lords to face Nolan review of standards

LORD NOLAN is expected to launch the first investigation into standards in the House of Lords after hundreds of peers failed to register their finan-

Barely half of the 600 regular attenders have listed any consultancies or directorships in the latest register. Those who declined to do so included Lord Parkinson, the Conservative Party Chairman who was in the forefront of the Opposition's campaign against the Trade Minister Lord Simon of Highbüry over his failure to declare a £2

million BP shareholding. Lord Parkinson — whose ten directorships including the chairmanship of Planet On-line, an Internet company run by Paul Sykes, the Yorkshire businessman who gave financial support to Tory election candidates opposing a single European currency—is one of the most prominent peers to make no declaration. Others include Lady Thatcher and Lord St John of Fawsley, the

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is chairman of the Fine Arts. .ommission While MPs face suspension if they breach tough regula-tions designed to ensure public transparency, the peers' register is largely voluntary. Registration is required for peers who receive payments for lobbying or providing parliamentary services and for matters which lords may consider affect the public perception of the way in which they discharge their Parlia-

former Commons leader who

Leading Labour MPs are pressing ministers to bing the rules for the Lords the line with the Commons. said that the Lords was the weak link in the new regulatory system established to be cannot low the House of Lords to



Parkinson: no listing

of ten directorships bring Parliament into disrepute at a time when the House of Commons is finally

deaning up its act." And it emerged yesterday that Lord Nolan's committee will almost certainly review the Lords when it reconvenes in October - especially as the Government is recruiting more and more peers from

Lord Shore of Stepney, the former Labour minister who is a member of the committee, the remit to be widened. He said. The case for requiring all legislators, whether they are MPs or peers, to declare their financial interests is

overwhelming. "It must apply to all members of the Houses of Parliament. It has to apply to both Houses. I am sure the committee will be making that point. It is in the best interests of the House of Lords to have its financial regulatory framework examined and put on the

same level as MPs. "At the time we conducted our investigation, in the aftermath of the allegations over MPs taking cash for questions it was not our priority. The Commons will still be our

priority. But there is a strong

argument for us looking at all the procedures of the House of Lords."

The peers register was set up in February 1996 with around 300 making declarations. But 202 indicated that they were not prepared to

make an entry.
Lord Parkinson's decision not to declare his directorships will particularly embarrass the Conservatives only days after they waged a campaign that forced Lord Simon to relinquish his BP shares especially as they are planning a new assault on the Trade Minister's £14,000 Grand Metropolitan shareholding.

Lord Parkinson was one of Lord Simon's sternest critics after he failed to make a declaration in the Lords regis-ter, saying: "If you had a Conservative minister in this position, I shudder to think what the Labour Party would have been saying."

Yesterday a spokesman for the Tory chairman, who is on holiday, said of his own omission: "While he was in government he was always scrupious about declaring any interests But now he is in opposition, and a member of the Upper House, so the rules are

Lord Parkinson's directorships include Amertrans, Hertfordshire Business Centre, Integrated Technology (Europe), Jarvis Harpenden Holdings, Midland Expressway, Mobile Phone Supercover, Odyssey Corporation,

and Resolution Security. Peers who have declared their outside interests include Lord Tebbit, another former Tory Party chairman; Lord Prior: Lord Archer of Weston-Super-Mare: the former Liberal Democrat leader Lord Steel; and the former Foreign Secretaries Lord Howe of Aberavon and Lord Hurd.



Ronald Haughton, from Oxfordshire, is wheeled away to hospital from the Parisis

Britons hurt as boat rams bridge in Paris

released after treatment.

striking her head on a railing.

"I was facing the other way

and then nothing, black. I just fell, knocked out. My husband

was talking and then he col-

lapsed." The couple had gone

to France to attend a wedding

at the weekend. They had only

one day in Paris and the boat ride was "just something we wanted to do", Mrs Haughton

explained, adding: "I wish we

TWENTY-SEVEN people, including nine Britons, were injured, one seriously, when a river cruiser on the Seine rammed into the Pont Royale

in Paris yesterday. About 70 tourists were aboard the double-decker bateau mouche, the Parisis, when she struck an arch of the bridge not far from the Louvre at about 11.20 am. The accident was caused by an electronic navigating error that drove the boat into the bridge before the captain could correct its course, said Eric Levavasseur, director of Vedettes du Pont Neuf, which

owns the Parisis. Most of those injured bruises and cuts and were not Haughton is expected to leave

hospital today seriously hurt. Most were The Parisis was travelling at just over 4mph when it hit Audrey Haughton, from the bridge, but Bernard Banbury, Oxfordshire, whose husband Ronald cracked his Schmitt, a Frenchman on board, said that the impact ribs and was taken by stretcher from the boat, said she was enough to throw passenbriefly lost consciousness after

gers over their seats. Over 4.5 million passengers take a cruise along the Seine by bateaux-mouches every year. The boats are named after the ship-building area of Lyon where the first metalriveted hulls were constructed. Les Vedettes du Pont Neuf is one of four companies operating its boats on the Seine. Since 1995, three other bateaux-mouches have collided

6,000 names to go on sex offenders' list next month

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SIX thousand names will be put on the national sex offenders' register immediately it comes into effect at the beginning of next month, the Home Office said yesterday.

The names will include those of offenders convicted of sex crimes who are in jail or under probation supervision. The Home Office estimated that another 3,500 names a year would be added to the register, which will be held on

the police national computer. Because the Sex Offenders Act setting up the register does not operate retrospectively, the overwhelming majority of the 110,000 convicted paedophiles in England and Wales will escape being put on the list. Their names will be added only if they are convicted of

another sex offence. Under guidelines issued yesterday, the police will be expected to warn local communities when a convicted sex offender moves into the neighbourhood only in exceptional circumstances. The guidance says that any decision to name an offender must be "justified on the basis of the likelihood of the harm which non-disclosure might otherwise cause". It said that disclosure of personal information about individual offenders should be exceptions to a general policy of confidentiality"

Alun Michael. Minister of State at the Home Office, told a press conference in London that the guidelines were an important step in protecting the public particularly children, from sex offenders. But, he added, the guidance was not a magic wand to the problem of dealing with sex offenders in the community.

Mr Michael said he hoped that the guidelines would end media campaigns that have

identified alleged paedophiles. There should not be a general broadcasting of names and addresses unless the risk assessment shows that it is needed." he said.

Under the guidelines, if an offender is living near a school, a day nursery or a playgroup, police will be able to tell the local education authority, the head teacher or the playgroup leader.

Police could also step in if an offender was helping with running a youth group by informing the church authorities or governing body.

The announcement was welcomed by the Association of Chief Police Officers. It said that decisions must be taken

case by case.
Under the Sex Offenders Act, which comes into force on September I, offenders convicted or cautioned for a range of sex offences will have to tell the police where they live and when they move. If they fail to register, they face a six-month jail sentence and or a £5,000 fine. The offences covered by the Act include rape, sexual intercourse with a girl under the age of 13, incest by a man. buggery, indecent assault between men, indecent assault on a man and assault with intent to commit buggery.

The National Association of Probation Officers said that there were serious limitations to the register. Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary, said "Many [paedophiles] have changed their identities on several occasions, yet the onus would be on the offender to register any change of circumstances with the police. Given the devious nature of the offending, in many instances this will not happen."

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Prescott orders visa inquiry

John Prescott has ordered an investigation into why five young African priests have been refused visas to visit

The Deputy Prime Minister telephoned BBC Radio 4 before 7am after bearing a report on the Foreign Office decision to refuse visas to the

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Thunder to clear the air - briefly

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THUNDERSTORMS are expected to bring relief from the heat and humidity in the South and West of England today and tomorrow, but sweltering conditions are forecast to return by the end of the

Yesterday was the fifth consecutive day on which temperatures reached the upper 80s fahrenheit. Malvern in Hereford and Worcester was hottest yesterday at 31.9C

On the East Anglian coast, the high temperatures and warm seas have led to an invasion of orange compass jellyfish, which can give a painful sting. Holidaymakers

along a 100-mile stretch have been given a warning to take Gorleston, near Great Yarmouth, were treated for stings in the last week.

The jellyfish, which are quite common in British waters, can still deliver a sting even when washed ashore. In France, three people have died in violent storms which swept the country on Sunday evening and yesterday morning, causing extensive damage and forcing drenched holiday makers to evacuate over 20 camping sites threatened by flooding.

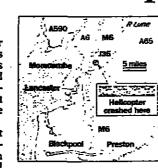
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hadn't bothered, now." Mr Two die in helicopter crash

By PAUL WILKINSON

TWO men died when their helicopter crashed in flames beside the M6 last night. Parts of a rotorblade was scattered across the motorway at Nether Kellet, near Lancaster, but no vehicles were hit by the

flying debris. First reports said the Bell Jet Ranger, chartered from a company in Mexborough, South Yorkshire, was on fire as it fell upside down in a field beside the M6. It came down near the Junction 35 exit to Carnforth shortly after 4.30pm.



crash, said: "I saw the helicopter in the air. Suddenly it nosedived. The blades came off. There was no loud explosion. more a muffled thud. The

blades fell to the ground, some on the motorway itself. People were so lucky they were not hit

as they drove along.

The engine had definitely stopped as it was falling to the ground. Then it burst into flames. There were black bits flying everywhere."

Lancashire police said: "Debris from the helicopter spread all over the place. One of the fatalities was thrown on impact and at least one other person has died.

They said that the helicopter was commissioned to carry out aerial surveys of gas pipelines.

Sarah Mason, who saw the Executive travel blighted by mobile fixation

By Alan Hamilton

A COMBINATION of insecurity and self-importance is driving more and more executives to submit to electronic tagging when they take their annual holiday. In short, they refuse to switch off their mobile phones.

The result is additional stress for the user, who is either rung by their employers with footling problems, or who rings them to ensure that they are still a vital cog in the works. Other, more sensible, holidaymakers suffer the fallout of electronic warbling disturbing the neace of the Spanish beach, the Tuscan olive grove, or the French gite rurale.

Experts in stress regard it as bad

news for all concerned. Professor Cary Cooper, a psychologist at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, yesterday urged people to leave their phones at home. The whole point of having a holiday is to get away," he said. "Being contacted on a mobile phone can be doubly stressful if you are unable to

solve the problem. It is not just a momentary disturbance; you go on worrying and the stress builds up. Employees weighed down by insecurity were increasingly reluctant to lose contact with their offices, while others actually wanted to be contacted,

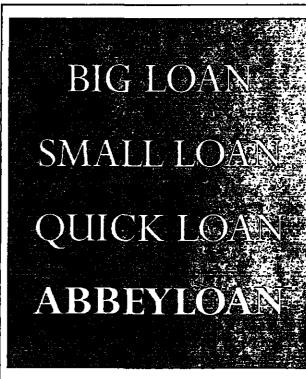
to make them feel important. But there are those, especially owners of small businesses, who feel that without constant contact with mission control, they would feel unable to go on holiday at all. Everyone needs to recharge their batteries, but a lot of people who run their own businesses don't want to delegate," David Hands, of the Federation of Small Businesses, said. Cellnet, the major mobile phone

service provider part-owned by BT, confirmed yesterday that more and more Britons were taking their phones abroad. Calls made on the GSM network, which allows a mobile phone to be used outside its home country, had risen by 151 per cent in the past two years, with particular increases in summer traffic between Britain, Spain and Portugal

Travel agents might like to consider promoting those parts of the world becoming fewer by the day - where

mobile phones will not work. Surprisingly, large swaths of the United States are still blackspots for European mobile phones, unless the owner has specialist equipment. Large parts of eastern Turkey towards the Iranian border remain happily out of touch, but are somewhat undesir-

able for family holidays. The Amazon jungle and much of Africa are still out of range, as is the Greenland icecap and most of mainland China. But there is no need to go quite so far, parts of rural Wales and many a remote Scottish glen remain out of electronic contact.



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Prescott announces visa review on radio phone-in

The Deputy Prime Minister shows who is running the shop in Tony Blair's absence, report

Andrew Pierce and Ruth Gledhill

extraordinary public intervention in Foreign Office affairs yesterday when he ordered an investigation into why five young African priests have been refused visas to visit

In a move designed to underline the fact that he was "minding the shop" in Tony Blair's absence, the Deputy Prime Minister telephoned the BBC Radio 4 Today programme after hearing a report on the Foreign Office decision to refuse visas to the Roman Catholic priests who are studying for doctorates at Louven, the Catholic university in Belgium.

Shortly afterwards, he announced over the air in an interview a review of the decision after hearing that the visits had been standard practise for years to provide holiday relief for hard-pressed British priests.

Mr Prescott was in his ministerial chauffeur-driven car when he heard the 6.45am news item on the programme. Five minutes later he telephoned the BBC to express his concern. He was called back within minutes by Rod Liddle, the programme's deputy editor, to arrange an interview.

Mr Prescott's impulsive decision to pick up the telephone revived memories of Margaret Thatcher's Downing Street call to the studio in December 1988 at 6.30am to express her concern at the Armenian earthouake. As John Humprhys speculated on air that Lady Thatcher may have

JOHN PRESCOTT made an that Mr Gorbachev's planned trip to Britain might be delayed, he rapidly got his answer. She was on the telephone pointing out that she had not known because the Foreign Office had not told

> Mr Prescott had a similar effect on Mr Liddle, who was duty junior producer when Lady Thatcher's call came through. The schedule was duly rearranged and 40 minutes later Mr Prescott, who has been irked by reports that Peter Mandelson, who is not a member of the Cabinet had been running the show, an-nounced an investigation.

> However, Mr Prescott mindful of the edict about interviews being cleared in advance, spoke to Downing Street before he went on air. A Downing Street spokesman denied that he had sought advice. "John Prescott knows he can co-ordinate government stories himself." he said.

Mr Prescott told the programme that he was concerned by the decision to bar the priests, who were invited by the Shrewsbury diocese as supply priests for a month. The decision not to issue visas has led to one church cancelling weekday services.

Mr Prescott, who is responsible for environment and transport issues, said: "There might be a perfectly good reason but I'm not yet satisfied that there is. I shall ask for the papers this morning to see if there is anything more that could have been done. "I'm sure that my colleagues

who deal with these matters



Prescott's early morning call to the Today programme shows he is running the shop in Tony Blair's absence

give their full attention to them but sometimes there can be a slip between cup and lip. If this story is right, there seems to be a certain amount of injustice. Quite frankly, I can't see why that [the refusal

of entry should happen."

Canon Brendan Hoban, rural dean and priest at the Sacred Heart parish in Walla-

sey, the Wirral, said the decision to refuse visas had caused huge problems. "People were" rushed in from everywhere to take Mass. Men who were in poor health already had extreme worries and pressures put on them. People panicked, rang round, trying to find priests to fill in for these students who were expected

but never arrived." The Foreign Office said the decision to refuse visas was being urgently reviewed by the British consul, who was contacting the applicants for more information about the purpose of their visit. "If, as a result, he is satisfied that their applications now fall within the immigration rules, visas will be issued," the Foreign Office said. Fr John Bosco Ekanem, one of the priests denied entry. who had visited Britain twice before, said in a letter to a priest in Shrewsbury diocese that they were no longer allowed to deputise for priests on holiday. This, in their view, is coming to work with-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fears of last-minute university scramble

Worries about a squeeze on the last "free" university places were intensified yesterday when admissions officials said 20,000 fewer places would be available in clearing than last

year (David Charter writes).

A far higher proportion of the 295,000 courses have been filled compared to this time last year, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service said. By yesterday, 95,155 students had been confirmed on courses for this October, compared to 77,683 at this stage last year. With forecasts of a late rush from up to 90,000 students who would otherwise take a "gap year", the filling of vacancies after Thursday's A-level results is set to be the most heetic on record.

The first signs of that rush were shown by a trebling of last-minute applications. More than 4,000 people have joined the hunt for places in recent days, compared to 1,300 in the same period last year.

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Trident protesters dig in

Anti-nuclear protesters at Britain's oldest peace camp are Anti-nuclear protesters at Britain's oldest peace camp are preparing for imminent eviction by chaining themselves to concrete lock-ins in case of a raid by Argyll and Bute Council. The campaigners at the 15-year-old Faslane Peace Camp in Helensburgh, opposite the Faslane Naval Base which houses Trident submarines, are determined to oppose the council which has ordered them to quit.

Mother found murdered

Police were last night hunting the killer of a woman with a mental age of ten whose body was found dumped in a stream under an old bed. Patricia Grainger, 25, who had a five year-old son, had been stabbed, strangled and sexually assaulted. She lived at home with her parents on the Parson's Cross council estate in Sheffield, close to where her fully clothed body was discovered by two boys out playing.

Doncaster suspension

The head of Doncaster council's planning department has become the latest person to be suspended as part of an inquiry. No allegations of fraud or corruption have been made against David Ellis, but he has been accused of weakness in the face of pressures from councillors and of asking junior officials to temper their concerns about the number of green-belt sites being earmarked for housing.

Woman raped in Cyprus

A 26-year-old British woman was recovering in a Turkish Cypriot hospital last night after being raped and left on a street in the coastal resort of Kyrenia. Police said a taxi driver had been arrested. The woman, understood to be from Northern Ireland and to work in an hotel, was found semi-conscious on Sanday morning. Doctors at the Akcieck Hospital confirmed she had been raped.

Camelot sues bookies

Camelot, the National Lottery operator, launched a legal challenge yesterday against three leading bookmakers in an attempt to stop them taking part in a rival numbers game. Camelot claim that the 49s scheme, promoted by William Hill, Coral and Ladbrokes is illegal as it contravenes the 1993 National Lotteries Act which states that there must be only one National Lottery in Britain.

Footballer convicted

Carlton Palmer, 31, the former England soccer player, was convicted yesterday for the second time in a week for events arising from a night out clubbing with his Leeds United team-mates. He was found guilty of disorderly conduct and fined £450 and ordered to pay £190 costs, Last Tuesday he was convicted by city magistrates of indecently assaulting an 18-year-old girl in a bar.

Man survives 80ft fall

A man who fell 80ft down a cliff, and lay badly injured on a ledge in searing heat for almost two days, was rescued by holidaymakers who at first thought his shouts for kelp were the cries of seagulis. Robert Campbell, 28, from Norwich, told rescuers that he fell off the cliff at Cromer, Norfolk, on Thursday evening. He suffered multiple fractures and was yesterday recovering in hospital.

Success for Russia link

Britain's new Moscow-based Customs investigator has scored his first success after a joint operation led to the discovery of 440lb of cocaine and the arrest of seven members of a Russian mafia gang. The senior investigator. whose identity is being kept secret for security reasons, began work this summer. Part of his role is to act as the link between British and Russian operations.

Climber snubs chapatis

Alan Hinkes, the mountaineer obliged to postpone his attempt to become the first Briton to climb the world's 14 highest peaks when he succeed on the flour coating a chapati and injured his back, arrived back in Britain yesterday and vowed: "I'll never eat another chapati in my life." The 43-year-old climber from Northallerton, North Yorkshire, then tucked into a meal of fish and chips.

Home-school contracts only 'a goodwill gesture' refuse admission if parents ignore policy on pupil behaviour and punc-ment for Education and Employment should be, then schools should have

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers yesterday demanded the right to ban pupils whose parents refuse to sign a contract promising to follow school rules on discipline and

Their call came after an unexpected decision by ministers to repeal legislation that allows schools to

move means that while schools will be required to produce contracts for every pupil, heads will be powerless if a parent refuses to sign one.

Under the proposals, set out in a White Paper last month, every school governing body will discuss the details of home-school contracts with parents. The document will set out aims to achieve.

Ministers said, however, it should not be used as part of the school admission process, as stated in the previous Government's Education Act 1997. Instead, parents are to be given a "reasonable time" to sign the contract, with no sanctions if they do not. A spokeswoman at the Depart-

Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "This makes it very difficult for heads when they are faced with parents who are unwilling to sign a contract. If the Government wants to make home-school contracts standard practice, and we believe they

the contracts. The Government's tuality, and the standards the school described the contracts, as "a non-the right to refuse admission to enforceable goodwill gesture". David parents who are refusing to sign." Baroness Blackstone, Education Minister, said: "For too long, many parents and teachers have not known what the relationship between home and school should be and what each has a right to expect. Home-school contracts will set clear expectations for parents, schools and pupils."

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'Riotous' Italian passengers are left at airport by pilot

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

AN ENTIRE planeload of passengers bound for Sicily said by the airline to include 150 excitable and angry Italians - were left at Gatwick vesterday after the captain refused to accept their "riotous" behaviour.

The British captain of the Sabre Airways Boeing 727 refused to carry any of the 187 passengers on board, many of whom were shouting and swearing about a long delay

and a change in their route.

The problems began as the plane was preparing to leave the departure gate when a warning light indicated a failure of a hydraulic pump. This led to an enforced change to their final destination which

proved too much for some passengers. Everyone — including 35

apparently innocent Britons -was ordered off the jet and police arrested one 37-year-old Italian. The jet then took off for Sicily without any

The jet had been chartered by Italian tour operator LAI Travel. which specialises in obtaining cheap seats for Italian waiters, restaurant owners and other workers living in Britain to return to their homes during the summer. Most of the Italians had planned to return to Palermo. where the aircraft was scheduled to land before heading on to Catania. But the delay

caused by fitting a new pump meant the flight crew would exceed their maximum working hours unless the flight was terminated at Palermo.

Anyone wanting to go on to Catania would have to spend a further two hours on a 75-mile coach journey. Sabre said

angry at not being taken on to Catania were standing in their seats screaming abuse at the crew while those who simply wanted either to go Palermo were shouting back and telling them to sit down.
The (talians finally left at

midnight last night, nearly 41 hours late. The man who was arrested was released with a

Greenpeace duo in oil rig protest

By Shirley English

TWO Greenpeace campaigners were spending their second night chained to the BP oil platform Stena Dee more than 50 miles off Orkney last night in a protest at oil exploration in the Atlantic. BP said the "dangerous" protest had prevented the mobile drilling platform from contin-uing its journey from Norway to the Foinaven oil field.

The platform, which has 81 workers on board, was originally stopped on Saturday when seven Greenpeace activists boarded it. The two remaining protesters, both German, are perched about 40 ft above the sea on a leg of the platform, and have food to last four or five days.

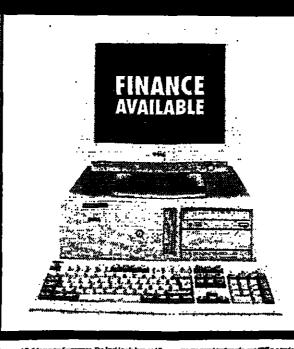
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It's no joke as Essex decides to get serious

Council says the gags must stop so England's most reviled

county can attract investors, reports Michael Horsnell

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ties in the county... Overseas investors are put of business development in the land of the three seazes. when they hear jokes from competing locations about Essex girls having more shoes than books, according to a county council report...

Immediate action is to be taken by the council after concern in the business community that Essex should defend itself against its reput-ation as the county that fell off the back of a lotry.

Terry Conder, head of the enterprise and international relations department, said: Companies do not willingly move their businesses into an area that is perceived to be offering poor quality, and if their perception of Esser is a negative one the county is likely to be passed over as a potential relocation site.

"Since it is also true that a poor image can have a negative impact on self expectation and could easily lead to Essex businesses failing to realise their full potential, our image and the Essex jokes are something that we should all take more seriously.

An unhealthy image featuring white socks, furry dice and a black market economy damages the reputation of its workforce, he added. The county, which is big enough to maintain an office in Brussels, is to counter the adverse propaganda with an advertising campaign. Adverts will appear in the national and foreign press to promote a Essex as a county in which to

live, work and do business".

Meanwhile posters will go
up at Stansted airport with photographs of a picturesque country road and a hi-tech office. The skills of staff at the Ford plant at Dagenham although now in east London. it remains the spiritual heart

of Essex mythology — will be presented as a high quality

Mr Conder's report in the economic development magazine Enterprising Essex, illustrated by a pair of white stiletto shoes, follows a business seminar hosted by the county's chief executive Stewart Ashurst.

Local commercial interests spoke of a common perception of Essex as a poor place in which to live and work, and the need to challenge this if its

image were not to have an impact on business. Mr Conder added: "It is completely unfair. We have two excellent universities, six other colleges and growing

success in high quality indus-

trial and commercial activi-

ties. This is the image we need to present." Essex has long been regarded by its devotees as a county of two halves: the concrete industrial south-east exempli fied by Basildon Man and the archetypal MP for Billericay. Teresa Gorman; and the rest,

picturesque countryside. Dick Turpin, the highway man, did not help the county's reputation, but since his time the county progeny have in-cluded A. A. Milne; Augustus John; Edith Cavell; Samuel Pepys as MP for Harwich: Elizabeth Fry, the prison reformer, Captain Lawrence Oates of Scott's Antarctic expedition, and the surgeon Joseph

Among the county's proudest boasts are: Colchester, the oldest recorded town in Britain. Chelmsford from where Marconi made the first radio broadcast, the world's oldest wooden church (1063AD) at Greensted, and Southend, which boasts the

world's longest pier. But Terry Marsh, former IBF world light-welterweight boxing champion, from Basildon, said: This revelation about the need for a new Essex Man image will only make people laugh at us."



A baby's toy and clothing on the pavement with the pushchair hood after the crash

Runaway car kills mother, injures baby

son was critically injured yesterday when they were hit by a car that was believed to have gone out of control after the Soear-old driver collapsed and died at the wheel.

Police said Jill Wilson. 34. was walking next to a main road, in Fleet, Hampshire, when she was struck by the bonnet of the car. Her fourmenth-old son. Anthony, was thrown out of his pushchair as it was dragged 150 yards down the road.

His two-year-old sister, Victoria, who was walking alongside the pushchair, escaped unhurt. She was disowered. in tears, calling for her

Witnesses said the Triumph Dolomite car, driven by Winifred Fletcher, left a straight stretch of Reading Road South, hit the pushchair, then returned to the road where it

George Evans, who lives near by, said he heard a loud bang and went to see what happened: "There was a youngish woman lying in the road, a van by the postbox and a car near by too. I remember seeing a pram as well."

home after hearing a screech of brakes said: The baby who had been in a buggy was very seriously injured and the driver was also dead : Barbara Lawson, 63, said:

All I could hear was the sound

A WOMAN died and her baby of a young child screaming and screaming and I just onuldn't bear to look.

Mrs Wilson's husband, Ian, said he could not believe what had happened: "I am rushing to be by my son's bedside. I have been told by police that he is very, very poorly. When the accident happened I was at . work and I believe my wife and children were making their way back home from

The family home is a few hundred yards from the crash site. Joan Wathens, 74, a passenger in the car, was slightly hurt and the van driver was treated for shock.

Adrian Maasz, of Surrey Ambulance Service, said: "The mother and the pushchair had both been carried some distance down the mad. Unfortunately, despite our efforts, the elderly lady and the mother died at the scene."

The haby was initially taken to Frimley Park Hospital, at Camberley, Surrey, but later transferred to a head injuries unit at King's College Hospital, London. He was said last night to have multiple injuries.

Mrs Wilson was a driving instructor who ran her own business from her home, and was off work after the birth of Anthony, A neighbour, Gareth Palmer, said: "She was a brilliant person who always had a joke, or a smile on her



Sarah Cook with her "husband", Musa Komeagac

Child 'bride' says marriage is over

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

schoolgiri who went off to marry the 18-year-old Turkish waiter she had met on holiday, announced the relationship was over in a public quarrel with her "husband" broadcast live on Turkish television.

Speaking by telephone from her home in Brainnee, Sarah accused Musa Komeagac of failing to send money to support their ten-month-old son Mohammed and of being unfaithful to her. Komeagac, who married Sarah in Turkey according to a legally invalid religious ceremony when she was 13, protested his faithfulness. "I love you, baoy," he repeated, in the Istanbul television studio.

Sarah, who had converted to Islam at his family's request, refused to be mollified.

SARAH COOK, the Essex "What sort of Muslim are you?" she asked him.

In Mr Komeagac's hometown of Kahramanmaras, Sarah had been adopted as "the nation's bride" and held up as an example for her willingness to cover her head in Islamic fashion and lead a simple life in the home of her in-laws. When she was returned to Britain in February 1996, after the High Court made her a ward of court, much of the Islamic press in Turkey claimed that the authorities in Britain were motivated not by concern for that the girl had rejected her

Western upbringing.

Mr Komeagac still faces charges in Turkey of statutory rape in a series of court hearings that have dragged on since February 1996.

Body of missing girl, 13, is found

By STEWART TENDLER

THE body of a missing 13-year-old girl has been found with head injuries in scrubland behind a Birmingham public house, police said yesterday. Jessica Downes, from Oldbury, went missing last Friday after leaving home to go to swimming baths.

Detective Superintendent David Unwin, who is in charge of the inquiry, said that Jessica's death was being treated as suspicious and could have been murder. He said that her body was fully clothed and there were no signs of a sexual assault. A blue Reebok rucksack she was carrying when she left home was missing.

Mr Unwin said that her body was found on Sunday night while a fight between youths at another public house opposite the Royal Oak was taking place. Several people were arrested and during the brawl a man in the area told officers that he had

Although he stayed to help police he left without giving his name and yesterday police asked him to contact them. Police are keeping an open covery of the body and the disturbance are connected.

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Fans flock to Graceland for candle-lit Elvis vigil

By Peter Foster, Mark Henderson and Tunku Varadarajan

THOUSANDS of Elvis fans and impersonators are making a pilgrimage to Graceland to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the singer's death this

Four British couples are to marry in an Elvis style "Hawaiian Blue" ceremony after the festivities in Memphis. They will join more than 100,000 fans at Graceland, the Presley mansion in Tennessee where "the king" is buried. He was 42 when he died. A candle light vigil will be tield outside the estate's

tes on Friday night. The Official Elvis Presley Fan Club of Great Britain has hired 20 luxury coaches have paid EI,600 for the trip



will then travel to Los Angeles and Hawaii. Passengers at Gatwick can expect to see scores of Elvis impersonators in the departure lounges this week as the exodus to Graceland gathers pace. Northwest

Airlines, which flies direct to Memphis, has sold more than 5,000 seats on special flights. For £550, passengers can expect a lively singsong and Elvis movies. British Elvis fans left

behind will not be lonesome on Saturday and Sunday. Fan clubs are holding Elvis parties across the country. the biggest in London at the Forum in Kentish Town and the Equinox in

drugged Elvis rang President Carter at the White House and asked him to help a friend he believed was in trouble. The New Yorker has reported. The magazine said Mr Carter tried to calm Elvis's fears that he was being "shad-owed" and that his friend was being framed.

Irish pilgrims pray opportunity knocks for Dana

Audrey Magee on an unusual presidential campaign

AN ANNUAL pilgrimage of prayer turned into a political rally yesterday when hunof Roman Catholics asked God to make Dana, a former winner of the Eurovision Song Contest, the next President of Ireland.

Pilgrims from both sides of the Irish border travelled to the Knock shrine in Co Mayo as part of a national campaign of prayer to have Dana - real acceed Mary Robinson. Mrs Robinson stands down on September 12 to become the UN Commissioner for Hu-

Many came from Belfast. As UK citizens they are not entitled to vote in the Irish election, but they see Dana as a candidate who would restore Christian values in the

They came with leaflets calling on people to pray for



Dana: won support for

Dana and listened to record-Trimble, from Whiteabbey in Belfast, said Dana encapsulated all that was good about Christianity. "She is a very

eaceful and calm woman and internationally renowned for that — not just for singing. dent of Ireland she will be Al."

Mr Trimble and other Dana supporters prayed for her success during a mass in Knock basilica celebrated by Kevin Scallon, brother-in-law of the singer. Traces of Dana can be found everywhere in Knock: tapes of her music are on sale in the trinket shops and a Golden Rose sits behind glass to commemorate the occasion when she sang for Pope John Paul during his visit to Knock in 1979.

However, organisers were reticent about the use by the political lobbyists of the shrine described their presence as "overt politics that has nothing to do with prayers and pilgrims in Knock".



Hundreds of pilgrims from both sides of the border prayed at a mass held in Knock for Dana to become the next president of Ireland

terred, determined to push as hard as they could to lobby 20 members of the Irish Parliament, or four local authorities, to vote for Dana — the backing she needs to stand. However, in a recent telephone poll in the Republic, only 4 per cent of

Joe Brennan, an independent Galway councillor lobbying on Dana's behalf, virtually will table a motion that Galway County Council nominates Dana, but concedes he is

The main political parties in Ireland want John Hume, the own candidates. Albert Reynolds, the former Fianna Fail leader, wrote to party members asking them to back him.

her husband and four children, could become the next

Professor Anthony Clare, sychiatrist and director of St

Irish Catholic Right to secure a strong foothold in Irish politics. Most people are not the Jimmy Goldsmith of the

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Britain will fund Sinn Fein in talks

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent

BRITISH taxpayers will sub-sidise Sinn Fein to the tune of tens of thousands of pounds as it argues for a united Ireland in full-scale peace negotiations

opening next month. The IRA's political wing is assembling a formidable team of more than 40 people for the republican movement and the British Government since Ireland's partition in 1921. A substantial portion of Span Fein's costs during the eight months of talks will be defrayed by the British and Irish govern-ments, as will those of all the

other participating parties. In addition to its negotiators, the IRA's political wing is lining up legal advisers, administrators, researchers, spe-: cialists, a press and publicity unit and other support staff. We are treating the talks process with the greatest seriousness," said Richard Mo-Auley, the Sinn Fein spokesman. The party was considering "what we need to put in. place to make maximum use and get maximum benefit from these negotiations. Our intention is to be as well

prepared as we can be."

Each delegate or negotiator will receive a £100 daily allowance for a minimum of four hours' work. Sinn Fein's 17 elected delegates would pass this money straight on to the party, Mr McAuley said.

In addition, each political party can claim a research grant of up to £6,000 per quarter, a support grant of £300 for each day of actual negotiations, and travel and subsistence allowances for its elected delegates and back-up staff. An official at the Northern Ireland Office remarked: "I think everyone would agree

that the benefits to Northern Ireland of a settlement agreed at the talks table will far entweigh the costs of hosting

Sinn Fein, whose coffers have been severely depleted by three elections in four months. is next month sending three senior officials to America. supplement this public money. After two days of political meetings in Washington, the MPs Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president and Martin McGuiriness, its chief negotia-tor, and Caoimhghin O Caolain, a member of the Dail, will attend fundraising events in New York before they split up and visit the Irish-American communities of Chicago, Boston and San Francisco. ... The total price of peace for the British taxpayer is likely to

be millions of pounds; six

months of preliminary talks last year, which did not in-

volve Sinn Fein, as the IRA had not renewed its ceasefire. cost well over £1 million. The Acmy relaxed another security precaution yesterday, two weeks into the latest IRA truce, sending patrols out onto the streets of West Belfast in regimental berets instead of helmets. Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, welcomed the gesture as a sign of increasing confidence" and part of a "steady return to normality which will continue, providing the level of

threat and events on the ground allowit. Security sources say the only discernible threat to British troops at present comes from a republican splines group called the Continuity



With security relaxed as a result of the IR

Prince's son goes under

cover at

Balmoral

THE Prince of Wales and his sons left the Royal Yacht *Britannia* in the Hebrides yesterday for the start of their annual summer stay at Baimoral. Prince Charles gave a

phers as he strode down a gangplank on to Islay, but his elder son appeared unimpressed by their presence. Putting his hands to his face, Prince William, 15, walked closely behind his father on to the harbourside.

The young Prince is known to be wary of photographers and shares his mother's distress at the almost continuous pres-ence of paparazzi outside Kensington Palace.

The Princess, who returned on Sunday night from her visit to landmine victims in Bospia, was said to be relaxed about publication at the weekend of photographs showing her embracing Dodi Fayed. There has been no complaint or comment from her office about invasion of privacy since the long-lens photographs

The Princess, who was at Kensington Palace yesterday, is not due to un-dertake her next official engagement until next month. Mr Fayed, 41. Al Fayed owns Harrods. spent yesterday at his desk in the store's product development department. He is due to leave for his home in Los Angeles at the end of this week.

During a weekend in Paris last month, Mr Fayed took the Princess to the former Paris home of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, which is owned by his father. Speculation that the Princess and Mr Fayed might live at the chateau if they married was dismissed as "ridiculously premature"

friends yesterday. An hour after Prince William and Prince Harry left Britannia, their Beatrice and Eugenie, were helped aboard by their father, the Duke of York. The Duke of Edinburgh and Viscount and Viscountess Linley joined them for a cruise around

the Western Isles. The Prince of Wales and his sons then left by car for Balmoral, where they hope to be free of

Tabloids in deep water: a three-step guide to throwing ethics overboard

THE Press Complaints Commission was urged to review its code of practice yesterday after a tabloid newspaper fooled millions of readers with a take photograph of Diana, Princess of Wales, on holiday with Dodi Fayed.

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The front-page photograph. trumpeted in The Mirror as Exclusive: the picture they all wanted, was electronically enhanced to make it look as if the couple were about to kiss. Mirror sources insisted the

offending image had been changed by only one millimetre, but in the newspaper's original picture. Mr. Fayed's head faced away from the District of the control of the contr the Princess. In the pictures on the right, The Times demonstrates how easy image ma-nipulation has become with the use of computers:

Gerald Kaufman, chairman of the House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee, said the PCC code of practice should be updated to give editors specific photographs. He said: "This is an issue which needs to be addressed. It is the duty of a newspaper to let its readers know when a photograph has been doctored.

"The code of practice was compiled in the days when the photographs was rare. Now it is possible to change a photo in any way you like. It would be very wise if the PCC considered amending its

Stuart Higgins, Editor of The Sun, described The Mirror's actions as a "cynical deception" and called for the PCC code to be rewritten immediately. Mr Higgins added: The code should be amended so that any newspaper that doctors a picture should make it clear that they have done so. The old adage we have lived and died by is that the camera never lies. But it seems newspapers do."

Piers Morgan, Editor of The Mirror, used an original, undoctored version of a photograph of the couple on Thursday last week. Two days later, after losing out in a £250,000 bidding war to his Sunday stablemate, he appar-ently decided to alter it for Saturday's edition.

Mr Morgan's decision appears to have been tacitly ery. Mirror Group's chief executive, who objected to a

In the wake of fake photographs of the Princess of Wales, Carol Midgley on calls

for a tighter code of conduct

Kiss" and told the editor to change it to "Hot Lips". A Mirror Group spokesman

criticised The Guardian newspaper, which devoted an entire page to the picture tampering. The spokesman added: "It is ironic that The Guardian should be raising an issue about photo tampering when it managed to remove an entire human being from a recent photograph of Gordon Brown outside Number 11 on Budget day."

The Mirror, picture had been supplied by the Rex photographic agency which supplies pictures to newspa-pers. It was taken by a French photographer during the Princess's holiday with Mohamed Al Fayed weeks earlier. Rex confirmed the original was one of a number it sent to The Mirror and other papers on Wednesday last week, when news first broke of the Princess's friendship with Mr Al Fayed's son.

One expert who saw the original picture said yesterday. If you reverse the head - flip it - which you can

A spokesman for the PCC said no complaints had been made about the photographs on the maner. For the commission to investigate one of the principal people involved in the picture — the Princess or Mr Fayed — would have to make a formal complaint.

On Sunday, the Govern-ment ruled out the introduction of a privacy law. Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio, conceded the photographs were "intrusive and unwelcome" but added: "The problem of having an allencompassing privacy law being introduced by Parliament is the protection it gives to those who don't merit

"I would hate to see the day when the British press are prevented from exposing that wrongdoing because oftentimes it is only the press who can do that job.

The scramble for exclusive rights to the holiday pictures also prompted the News of the World to try a similar trick. Its front page showed the Princess apparently kissing Mr Fayed. Readers were told the image had been "created" only when they turned to page 3. The Sunday Mirror, which

carried the first genuine exclusive pictures of the couple kissing, claimed yesterday that it had raised its circulanon by 300,000, or 13 per cent, on Sunday. The paper increased its price by 5p and printed 2.8 million copies, 20 per cent more than usual.

Additional reporting by



STEP ONE: original photograph by a Big Pictures photographer of the Princess, a crew member, and Dodi Fayed



STEP TWO: The Times gets to work, removing the crew member from the shot and restoring the background

Changing photographs is child's play

THE camera has always lied and the computer is a willing accomplice. Time was forced to apologise in June 1994 after it published a darkened police mugshot of O.J. Simpson on its front cover shortly

after the death of his wife. The magazine used a computer to make. the former American football player seem blacker and with more stubble than in the identical picture used by its rival Newsweek.

Black groups said that the picture played on white fears of stereotypes of violent African-Americans. Time defended it as "a work of art".

racial implication was intended Modern computer technology has made manipulation child's play for anyone with a home computer and £500 Adobe Photoshop software, used legitimately by photographers to trim pictures, remove blemishes

and balance colours. Pictures are stored digitally on a computer disk and can be electronically airbrushed by a sweep of the computer mouse. However, long before Photoshop, trickery was carried out for financial and political gain - or just plain mischiel. In 1917, two schoolgirls fooled

Arthur Conan Doyle and photo-



The Cottingley fairies picture that fooled experts worldwide

raphic experts worldwide with the Cottingley fairies, apparently play-ing in a Yorkshire dell. Elsie Wright and her cousin Frances Griffiths drew the fairies in sepia on card, pinned them to toadstools and took the pictures with a cheap box camera, admitting the hoax only decades later

Soviet leaders were early masters of the art. A newsreel still of Lenin addressing the Red Army in May 1920 was doctored to remove Stalin's rival Trotsky from the wooden platform, and -Stalin's propaganda experts taked another picture to show him sitting alongside his apparent friend and mentor Lenin.

In December 1994 London's Evening Standard newspaper removed a beer bottle from a picture of John Prescott and his wife Pauline, leaving just wine glasses on a table in front of them above a caption "champagne socialists".



Ministers study proposal to open clubs on Sunday

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

NIGHTCLUBS would be able to open on Sundays under proposals being studied by Home Office ministers. The entertainment industry has put forward a plan to end the 1780 Sunday Observance Act that prevents clubs selling tickets for dancing on the

sabbath. But the proposal will be resisted by groups opposed to eroding the special status of Sunday. It is likely they will lobby in Parliament for any further changes to be introduced by Parliament rather than by ministerial order — as has occurred under previous

changes to licensing laws. Many clubs get round the ban by operating as a restaurant, giving free buffet meals to guests and claiming that they have paid for them.

A Home Office spokesman said last night: "The industry has asked us to look again at Sunday dancing and we are

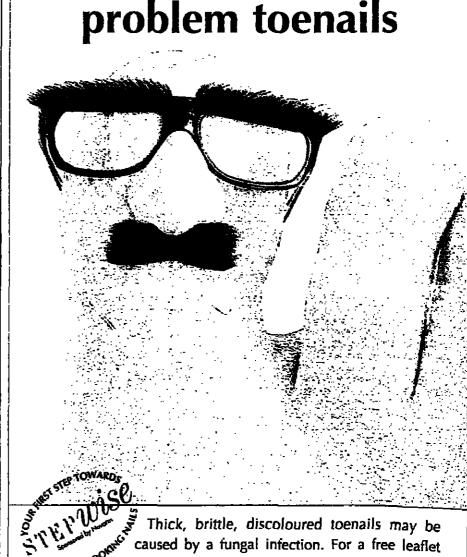
An attempt last year to reform the Act's dancing provisions failed because the House of Lords believes any change should be introduced

by primary legislation, involv-ing full debate in both Houses of Parliament. Last night Michael

Schluter, director of the Keep Sunday Special Campaign. said that stringent safeguards would be needed to ensure that clubbers did not wreck other people's Sundays. He said: "If people want to dance on a Sunday, that's fine, but they should not be allowed to people who want to keep their Sunday a special day for peace and quiet and their families."

John Roberts, general secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society, voiced strong opposition to any change. He warned: "Opening nightclubs on Sundays would mean more noise, drinking, accidents and fighting, all of which are already endemic to the sort of society which we are

Peter Stringfellow, owner of Stringfellows nightclub in central London, said he doubted that people would go "crazy" for London, although it might be different outside the capital.



There's no disguising

STEP THREE: the couple are moved as if about to kiss

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Drug companies' loss leaders cost the NHS millions

ing the National Health Service of hundreds of millions of pounds a year by exploiting a severe shortage of hospital

They sell expensive brandname products at huge discounts to hospitals, knowing that patients insist on being prescribed the same drugs by their GPs when they go home. The deal can save hospitals hundreds of thousands of pounds on their drugs bill.

The local chemist, who cannot get discounts anything like as large as those given to hospitals, has to pay much more for the same drug. Discounts vary from place to place. Drugs dispensed in Kensington and Chelsea chemists cost an average of E10.23: those in Sheffield cost £6.87.

The NHS pays the difference. Much cheaper equivalent drugs are usually available. but the chemist cannot substitute them if the doctor has named the expensive brand on the prescription. Buying just Brand names are sold cheaply to

hospitals. The price is paid when the

instead of their cheap equiva-

lents cost the NHS over £166 million last year. The national drug bill rose 6.2 per cent in real terms last year to £4 billion, with 485 million prescriptions dispensed.

Laurance Buckman, a GP in Finchley, north London, said that it was common practice for big companies to provide hospitals with drugs at huge discounts. A member of the British Medical Association's negotiating team, he is an expert on general practice audit.

"When you work in hospital you are barely aware of the price of drugs so you don't mind which you prescribe," he said. "It is only when you work in the community that you realise how extremely expensive the branded ones can be."

patient goes home, writes Ian Murray per cent of his prescriptions, he named the cheaper equivalent drugs, but he knew that whenever patients came out of hospital he would probably have to put them on the drug prescribed for them there. Once you are in practice you are very aware of the cost of drugs and you can get into trouble if you over-prescribe. When a patient comes and tells you the drug he was given

> because he thinks he is being fobbed off." He said that major drug companies gave huge discounts to hospitals to make sure their brand names be-

> by the consultant is doing him

good it is almost impossible to

get him to agree to a change. It

is no point telling him that the

cheaper one is just as good

and to beat off competition. "It is not a scandal. These companies are responsible for drugs and they are major exporters which means that they contribute to the economy. They are not a charity but a business and their shareholders expect them to make a

Drug companies can retain a monopoly on drugs they patent for 15 years, during which time they must try to recoup the cost of the research and development on the drug. After that, any firm capable of producing the drug can obtain a licence to do so and undercut the brand-name product.

These generic producers are ready to flood the market with their version of the brandname product on the day the patent expires. When Glaxo Wellcome's ulcer cure Zantac lost its patent protection recently, competition among generic producers to win a share of its market drove down the price of its equivalent, ranitidine, by 25 per cent. Zantac, however, costing £27.89 for 60 tablets, retains a dominant share of the market.

Charitable donation another way by which the big producers help to keep their name at the forefront of doctors' minds, especially in hospitals. Glaxo Wellcome has donated £1.75 million towards the construction of a pharmacy unit at King's College Hospital in London. Since 1989 it has given £13 million to health-related projects.

No strings are attached to such gifts. "We are committed to being a good corporate citizen, helping to do things in the field where we work," a spokesman said.

The system of discounts for the 4,000 doctors in rural areas who are allowed to dispense is open to abuse and the Government has ordered an inquiry into the way it works. The doctors provide a muchwho would find difficulty going to a chemist shop for prescriptions. Most of them are completely honest but they are exposed to temptation.

Drugs companies are assumed to give them a 9.57 per cent discount for their supplies, but in reality discounts for them are often as high as 30 per cent. It is quite easy for them to pocket the difference. The NHS Executive found evidence that some doctors had prescribed cheap generic equivalent drugs but charged the NHS for the expensive branded names.



Neil Fingleton, 7ft 42 in and still growing, has a fondness for high-energy foods

When gigantism can cause big problems

worried about the end of the university grants system. The 16-year-old Middlesbrough schoolboy has already won a scholarship to study at an American university for three years.

Whereas other adolescents attribute their scholarships to long hours spent studying, he attributes his to a huge appetite, with a fondness for milk, turkey and fruit.

Neil is 7ft 41 in and still growing, qualities which proved irresistible to a university governing body concerned about the future of its basketball team. Most parents would be dismayed by the cost of buying size 14 shoes, the high price of outsize clothes, the need to provide special beds and the amount of food required to fuel an 18st teenager who might even make 8ft.

Very tall people themselves find cars and bicycles uncomfortable and are socially embarrassed when they tower over their contemporaries. Unusually tall children are often permanently damaged by the social and emotional problems of their height but doctors are also concerned for their physical health.

Photographs of Neil Fingleton show him to be reasonably proportioned, and since he has a 6ft 8in brother and 6ft 2in sister his height may be no more than a benign family characteristic, displayed to the full in Neil's case because of his enormous appetite for nourishing, high-energy food.

The familial tendency to great height, accompanied by long, spidery limbs, without evidence of any disease, runs *IVIEDICAL BRIEFING*

one or more of the features of

acromegaly, whether it is the

heavy, protuberant jaw, en-

larged internal organs, changes in the skin or even

signs of the heart disease and

hypertension which will trou-

ble them in later life. Most of

the famous Victorian giants

suffered from the production

of excessive growth hormone and most failed to live be-

One of the more common

causes of excess height, also

associated with long gan-ging arms, huge hands and long spidery lingers is Martan's syndrome. As this

is a genetic disorder it is usually found that other

members of a family are also

Usually when a family is afflicted with Markin's syn-

drome, only a few of the signs

are present in any one patient. This makes diagno-

sis difficult but is unfortunate

as many of the features of the

lisease endanger health and

Most of the manifestations

of Marfan's are the result of

elasticity in connective tissue,

with the result that the aona

is weakened and the support

for the lenses of the eyes is so

feeble that sight is endangered. The double-jointed ness from which patients with Marfan's suffer also

leads to early arthuitis.

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

in some families, more often black than white. However, there are also several diseases in which gigantism is one of the characteristics.

The best known cause of gigantism and acromegaly is the condition in which there is an excessive production of growth hormone from a benign tumour of the pituitary. Fortunately. Neil's strong family history of great height would seem to exclude this,

> 6 The familial tendency to great height,

without signs of disease, runs in some families 🤊

as this pituitary abnormality is not familial. In only 1 per cent of cases of gigantism and acromegaly is the excessive production of growth hormone apparent before puberty. Usually it becomes obvious in a patient only between 30 and 50.

When excessive bormone is produced in children not only do they grow to a great height but usually also have

refused to give personal details to police and the court, are believed to be from East Timor, which Indonesia claims as its territory. They denied trespassing at a site belonging to British Aerospace, which sells Hawk jets to the Indonesian Government. Four Britons, including Father Arthur Fitzgerald, 50, a priest from Liverpool, also denied the charge at Lytham Magis-trates Court, Lancashire. Birds on a wire

NEWS IN BRIEF

Anons in

court

over jet

protest

went on trial accused over a protest against aircraft exports to Indonesia. The men, who

Conservationists have demanded a cut in the number of deer fences ringing Highlands pine forests in an attempt to reduce the death rates of grouse and the rare capercaillie. A study published yesterday showed that large numbers of the birds die after flying into the 6ft-high fences.

Priest sex case

A Roman Catholic priest was remanded on bail yesterday on condition that he surrender his passport after appearing before Cardiff Crown Court accused of 22 offences against five girls and two boys. Father John Lloyd, 56, of St. Joseph's Church, Penarth, denies four rapes and 18 indecent assaults.

Propeller injury

A pilot using his car to jump start a light aircraft was badly injured by the plane's propeller. He was hit as he was about to shut his car bonnet. A report found there was no evidence the plane had moved. Fie had planned to fly from Lytid, in Kent, on April 15.

Child loses eye

A two year-old boy has lost his right eye after he was shot at close range by an air weapon as a house in Bootle, Liverpool. He is to have further surgery as doctors fear the pellet may be in his head. Two teenagers age 13 and 18 were arrested and released on police bail in connection with the incident.

Degree of spice

Students will be able to take a course in Spice Girls studies from September. Honiton Community College in Devon is offering an eight-week course — a post-ferminist look at cultural studies" - that will examine "girl power", the success of the group and its impact on young fans.

Boxing clever

Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary, is encouraging a couple who have bought the Thomas a Becket pub in the Old Kent Road to apply for lottery funding to turn the trpstairs gym into a boxing museum. The south London gym closed earlier this year.

Public proposal

Army piper James Thomson chose the massed ranks of the military pipes and drums, and an audience of 8,500, to witness his proposal. Charlotte Vallely, 19, was picked out by spetlights at the Edinburgh Maitary Tattoo as Piper Thomson, 27, went down on one knee. She accepted.

Sounds deadly

A blob found by Adrian Massey in the mouthpiece of the didgeridoo he was about to play turned out to be a deadly Black Widow spider. Mr Massey, 21, of Headington, Oxfordshire, who bought the instrument in Australia, said: "I felt sick at how lucky I was not to have been bitten."

CORRECTION

The desk at which Edward VIII signed his abdication (photograph, August II) is part of a collection of Windsor memorabilia on display at Sotheby's in London this week it will be auctioned in New York next month.

US firm wants loan equipment sent back

ONE of America's biggest drugs companies has asked NHS hospitals in Wales to send back vital equipment from operating theatres after losing a major contract to supply anaesthetic. Abbott Laboratories, of Chi-

cago, which lost deals worth £1.2 million to supply gases used to keep patients unconscious during surgery, has requested the return of essenmachines known as Hospitals have to decide

whether to use new, cheaper suppliers for the gas but spend Abbott says that the vaporisers were on loan, but will let hospitals buy them secondhand or rent them instead of sending them back.

Viain Fenton-May, who chairs the NHS purchasing committee which dropped Abbott as a supplier, said the offer should be resisted.

Since the mid-1980s, Abbott has supplied Welsh hospitals with two gases used in anaesthesia: isoflurane and the lesspowerful enflurane. Both require specially calibrated vaporisers to turn the liquid into gas and mix it with air Trusts face bill to replace operating

theatre machines.

reports **Dominic** Kennedy

and oxygen to be inhaled. Two years ago, Abbott lost the contract in Wales to supply isoflurane, the more frequently used of the gases, to Norton itor, but kept the enflurane deal. When the latest two-year contracts, which took effect last month, were being negotiated, the All-Wales Drug Con-Committee was

warned by Abbott that it owned many vaporisers. "Abbott claims most of the trusts in Wales have some," said Mr Fenton-May, who chairs the committee. Ten to 15 years ago these were left in hospitals almost as an induce-

ment to use the product. "It was effectively stuff that was left by drug reps who said You need these to try our

product'. It was just dropped out of boots of cars."

Abbott says it owns between three and 20 vaporisers per trust in Wales. New machines can cost as much as £2,500. However, the decision to choose cheaper suppliers has saved about £300,000 a year, which Mr Fenton-May believes is enough to replace any machines given by the Chicago company.

Trusts have the power to make their own deals to stay with Abbott but he doubts they will. The economics of it are that they would be foolish to

The Pembrokeshire NHS Trust, which runs the 368-bed Withybush General Hospital in Haverfordwest, has about 30 vaporisers but is uncertain how many belong to Abbott. It is continuing to use Abbott and may negotiate to buy the machines secondhand, although it is under pressure to

accept the new contract. Ken Cottam, a director of Abbott, said: "It is just not economically viable to leave vaporisers in place when no business is forthcoming. It is a normal commercial arrange-

Sea bass return to Thames in force

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

Bridge yesterday, underlining the steady improvement in the cleanliness of the Thames. The number of the fish

in the Thames, but were killed

A spokesman for the agency

swam upstream to put on weight. The fry will swim

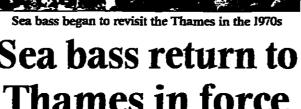
The agency said yesterday conger eels. Channel carfish and sea horses.



spotted swimming upstream was the biggest since the species began returning, along with salmon, in the 1970s, the Environment Agency said. Sea bass and scores of

said the sea bass were spawned in the Channel and

probably as far as Teddington in west London and stay in the river until the autumn, when they will be about 5cm to 7cm long. They will then swim back to the Thames Estuary



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that other species were returning in healthy numbers to the Thames Estuary, and in some cases further upstream. These include Dover sole, flounder,



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Only Gaelic speakers need apply

By AUDREY MAGEE

HOUSES go on sale in Dublin next month exclusively for Gaelic speakers. It is the first time that Gaelic language enthusiasts in the Irish Republic have tried to create a gaeltacht, or Irish speaking area, in an urban setting. Twenty houses in a new development in

west Dublin have been earmarked for Irish speakers and their families. Everything, from borrowing sugar to educating the children, will be done in Gaelic while the other residents of the 365 houses on the Lucan estate carry on in English. The scheme has produced a mixed

have lauded it as the perfect way to save the Irish language, currently spoken on a regular basis by II per cent of the 3.6 million living in Ireland. Others have described it as an attempt at "ghettoisation" and "artificial insemination of an urban gaeltacht". Pobal Mha Life, the scheme's organisers, reject criticisms that they are creating a Gaelic ghetto or alienating English speakers. Ananrai O Braonain, co-chairman of Pobal, said Irish speakers persistently tried to accommodate English speakers.

When we want to talk to each other we

are forced to meet in pubs or Irish clubs or

reaction in Ireland. Some commentators switch to English if one in a group does not understand. Now we have a chance with this estate to build a situation where people use the language as part of everyday life. It's not a ghetto, at least not in a negative sense." There has been a resurgence of interest

in the Irish language in recent years and Hamilton Osborne King, the estate agents, say they have received dozens of calls from Gaelic speakers interested in the Dublin houses, which will be priced. from £85,000 when they go on sale. A: spokeswoman said: "We are surprised at the reaction. We weren't sure if the idea would be popular but it seems it is."

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When Old Boys lost their grip on soccer

PROFESSIONAL licestall in England was sin and summing fast by Victoria's disanced public year. 1897. It was kin especially fine year for Aston with the flurmingham club who pulled off the double of League Champienship and FA Cup, the first club to do so since Preston North End, the so-called Invincibles in 1889.

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That was the year after the foundation of the Robball League, which then consisted of one division. It was proposed by an Aston Villa director, the Scotsman William McGregor, who took as his model the American baseball champsonship: awarding two points for a win and one for a draw. The formation of the league solved a problem for the professionalised cluts of the provinces: a lack of

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The FA Cup was established in 1872 and quickly became immensely popular. But by itself it hardly offered sufficient games to the professional clubs, not least if they were knocked out early on.

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Friendly games had to fill the breach, but they did so inadequately. As the classic Association Football and The Men Who Made It, by Alfred Gibsen and William Pickford (1906), put it It was evident that this class of game, with its uncertainties and its lack of excitement, was not a sufficiently strong pabulum for the multitude.

Villa's origins were fairly typical. The club was founded in 1874 by a group of young men connected with the Aston Villa Wesleyan Chapel and played first on a field at Wellington Road, Perry Bar. The Scot George Rainsey — as the



Brian Glanville looks at

the rise of professionalism as league and cup captured

the public's imagination

others watched him practise, "his defied the FA rules outlawing dribbling held them spellbound"—
was made captain and, in his small, round polo cap, soon beBlackburn Rovers, the first pro-

small, round polo cap, soon became a pivotal figure.

Other celebrated Scots, such as the Hunter brothers, followed. Scots, indeed, were the core of the early professional game, many coming south to "find money in their boots".

Five years after the formation of Villa, West Bromwich Strollers, later known as Albion, were established by a group of local youngsters, initially playing on waste ground. Not until 1881 did Preston North End turn from rugby to football, losing their first match to neighbours Blackburn Rowers 16-0. Within a few years, however, Major Sudell, their remarkable manager and the first of his kind,

their first goal, we notable occasion.

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Blackburn Rovers, the first provincial team to challenge the hegemony of the mighty Old Boys sides, such as the Old Etonians, in the FA Cup, were founded in 1874 by a celebrated reference John Lewis

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In 1897, nearly 66,000 people packed the Crystal Palace to see Villa beat Everton 3-2 in a thrilling final of high quality. The cop itself was a new one. Two years earlier, after Villa had beaten neighbours West Bromwich in the first Crystal Palace final, the original was stolen from a shop window.

So Villa, having run away with the championship by an 11-point margin, added the cup to their laurels. All five goals came within 25 minutes. Villa, 2-1 down, equal-



Soccer in Cambridge, 1887, a year before the league was founded

ised, then won with a 43rd minute goal by John Cowan, one of two brothers. However, John Bell, Everton's inside right and scorer of their first goal, was the star of a notable occasion.

By then, the game had come a long way from its early development and initial domination by the great public schools and their alumni. Football of a kind had been played in England since the Middle Ages, often in violent ways, but after Dr Thomas Arnold had introduced muscular Christianity to Rugby School it became, so to speak, domesticated.

The problem was that each

The problem was that each school tended to have its own code, sometimes involving the hands, sometimes not, and with very different types of goal. The breakthrough was made in 1862 by J.C. Thring of Uppingham School, who, while at Cambridge University, produced a ten-rule treatise called The Simplest Game. Hands could be used only to stop the ball. Tripping and heel kicking were forbidden. But the following year, when the Football Association was formed at the Freemasons Arms in Great Queen Street, London, the Blackheath club withdrew in protest at the rule forbidding hacking.

The development in Scotland of the passing game, as opposed to the individual, dribbling style favoured by public school men, revolutionised play. After initial opposition by the FA, professionalism was made legal in 1885. The same year Forrest, a half-back with Blackburn Rovers, became the first professional to be capped for England.



W.G. Grace retired in 1900 after scoring a total of 54,896 runs

Man who made a century his own

By Alan Hamilton

TWO jubilees followed in quick session a century ago and both were seen as milestones of the age. A few months after Victoria had celebrated 60 years on the throne. W.G. Grace celebrated his 50th birthday with a guest appearance in the Gentlemen v Players at Lord's, a match attended by vast, autograph-seeking crowds and a torrent of advance publicity.

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The match was something of an anti-climax.
The lithe sportsman of yesteryear, who would eventually retire in 1900 after 54,896 runs and 126 centuries, had grown portly and not a little stiff. His vast beard had turned astigrey and his weight had ballooned to 20 stone, making it hard for him, stationed in the outfield, to pick up the ball. He scored 31

not out. But, with the possible exception of Gladstone, Grace was the best-known Englishman of the late Victorian age. His records still enthral. but he could equally be quirky. In 1898, his last great season, he suddenly declared at 93 when obviously on his way to a century. Asked why, he said he had remembered that 93 was the only score between 0 and 100 he had never got. He died, aged 67, in 1915 from a heart attack during one of the first air raids of the First World War.

NEXT

Dizzy's house of royal souvenirs, and the Gladstones who could never throw anything away.

The world of Victorian politics

Six shillings set North against South Two very different insurrections Christopher Irvine on the economic reality Northern Union was formed.

TWO very different insurrections occurred 61 years apart during Queen Victoria's reign. The first was at Tolpuddle and involved resistance by six farm labourers to a reduction in their wages. The other, less celebrated, caused the so-called "great schism" in rugby, between union and league. The argument in 1895 was over six shillings; it was also about class

prejudice and provincialism.

The money compensated men who took time off work to play for teams in the North which drew their strength from mills, factories and mines. "Broken time", payments amounted to creeping professionalism to the upper and middle classes who ran rugby. The

behind the foundation of rugby league

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Rugby Football Union, the governing body set up in 1871, was zealous in its pursuit of those who were paid — albeit trifling amounts. The blue collars of the North were set against the old school ties of the South. However, the North was by then the stronghold of English rugby and what the clubs really sought was control of their own

Events leading up to the breakaway by 20 Yorkshire and Lancashire clubs on August 25, 1895, soured relations for the next century. The RFU witch-hunt was led by the Rev Francis Marshall, a Yorkshire representative.

There were ingenious ways of hiding payments. In his history of rugby league, A People's Game, Geoffrey Moorhouse wrote that an entry in Leeds Parish Church Club's books was said to have covered the cost of cigars, champagne, an oyster supper, a theatre trip and a river cruise — while the team was playing on Merseyside. The split occurred at the George Hotel in Huddersfield, where the

based on the principle of bona fide broken time. In two years, the Northern Union (it did not become the Rugby League until 1922) had eliminated the lineout; in 1906, to better entertain spectators, it reduced the numbers on a team from 15 to 13. Rugby union in England was dealt a blow from which it never entirely recovered. The two sports have rarely been as closely aligned as after rugby union's adoption of professionalism in 1995 — rugby league's centenary year. The circle of six shillings has been squared by separate multi-million-pound deals and some players. swapping between the

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Jelly theatre serves up mould breaking drama

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A GIANT "jelly", a lorry among the more interesting places in which to find a piece of theatre at this year's Edinburgh festival.

With some 14,297 performances on the fringe alone - not to mention events on the main. film. jazz and book festivals the desperation for a venue. however modest, is more acute than ever. Perforand anywhere, where there's a group of people in Ed-ioburgh, there's probably a happening of some kind near by.

"The world's large: jelly" — an 18ft-high inflatable nylon tent shaped like a jelly-mould — is sited on a lawn near the bustling Pleasance theatre. Inside, Gasp!, a play about inflated egos, is being



In tents experience cast of Gasp! and the theatre where audiences wear lifejackets and eat jelly

handing out leaflets on

lorry with a 40-seat the-

street corners. The Comedy Café from London goes

in search of audiences in a

atre. "Tripterranus", a show

come off the back of a lorry,

that could be said to have

promises "verbal and vi-

sual gags". At Mary King's Close in the city centre, drama is

staged by Economical Truth. drama graduates from Bristol University and elsewhere. Their makeshift theatre can take an audience of up to 30, each of vhom is invited to don a lifejacket and tuck into a

plate of jelly. There is a sense of desperation about the actors comics and musicians

staging Angela Carter's The Grid Iron Theatre Company thought the setting would enhance the mood. Last year, two rival performers threatened legal ac-

tion over claims to having the smallest theatre on Earth; one of them idecar. This year, Paul Garner and Sarah Nield have created "the smallest Speakeasy in the world" a 12-seater shed where

everything is in miniature. this show will make all but the slim feel uncomfortable. The two-bour show breaks every 15 minutes for different audience sittings. Yesterday, the heat rising off the roof," Mr Garner said. "But only the performers suffer."

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Protest actors get a whiff of reality

A PUBLICITY stunt to promote a play about road rage at the festival got out of hand yesterday when it prompted an environmental group to stage a protest

that led to several arrests. An estimated 200 people turned up after learning that the cast of Road Rage, "an anti-road protest play" by Andrew Loudon, would be holding a

mock protest. The director, searching for for two hours. Mr Loudon said the authenticity and striving to reproduce the sights, sounds and smells of an antiroad protest, had already introduced a no-bath rule among the actors, to get

that "just unwashed grunge look". Members of Reclaim the Streets, who want roads returned to pedestrians. turned up and blocked the Grassmarket

vesterday, he thought that he had overdramatised the violence in his play's opening scene: "But what I saw was far

Although some of the cast were "keen to be arrested as they feel so strongly",

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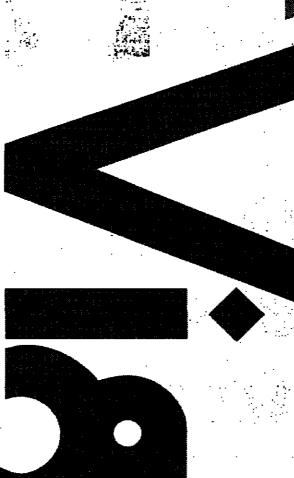
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corruption threat from dirty money By Stewart Tendler, CRIME CORRESPONDENT MILLIONAIRE criminals are terparts abroad that Britain increasingly trying to corrupt had seen little corruption so cording to the head of criminal far, they were told that this intelligence operations. could easily change Mr Pacey said that one way Albert Pacey, director-general of the National Criminal of limiting corruption would Intelligence Service, said be to attack the criminals assets, and that Britain should police corruption was an increasing danger because of the consider adopting gang-bustorganised crime. He said: There is now concern among ca and the Irish Republic to seize assets. He said the senior officers. I think the

constantly on its guard."

concerned at corruption.

Mr Pacey, who retires shortly, said there was a core of 140

"premier league" criminals at the top of the British under-

world who the NCIS was now

tracking. At least one of the

targets is among the richest

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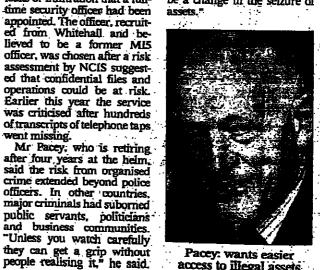
so concerned about the risk of

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men in Britain.

amount of cash now seized in police service will need to be confiscations was tiny. In Ireland, a law passed Mr Pacey's comments come after the murder of the joura few weeks after Sir Paul nalist Veronica Guerin created a Criminal Assets Bureau. Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said The bureau involves a partthere were up to 200 dishonest nership between police and officers in his force he would tax authorities and since its like to dismiss. Other chief inception courts have seized constables and Home Office millions of pounds and put officials are known to be

criminals to flight. Mr Pacey said any legislation in Britain would appear draconian, but he said it would be aimed at serious criminals. "I can point to people living in council houses five years ago who now have massive homes, Jaguar cars and boats and all the appearances of immense wealth. I think there is going to have to be a change in the seizure of



Pacey: wants easier access to illegal assets



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Plague of rats rules flooded Polish city

AFTER dusk the ancient city of Wrocław becomes a city of rats. Black rats, brown rats, rais on a tightrope, rais that tap dance in the attic; the rodent legions that infested the Hamelin of the Pied Piper have taken over this city as the floodwaters slowly ease along the River Oder. Only one kind of rat is not

on display: the thin rat. Sebas-tian Turkiewicz, the city's rat catcher, said: They are so said that they are not even sniffing our heaps of granulat-ed poison." They have been gorging themselves on rubbish and rotting food which, having been swept through the streets by the floodwaters, is settling on doorsteps.

Normally rat packs have a taster, a hapless recruit to sample the bait while the others watch to see if it is safe. Today there is decomposing food in abundance, great-mounds of vegetables under the washed-up tyres and planking. In the Kozanow housing estate in Wroclaw, the water stormed into a fish shop and carried out hundreds of

deep frozen fish. Slawa Közminska, clearing water from her living room with a broom and a bucket, is relaxed about the rais takeover bid. For the moment she is more concerned about the mosquito swarms that fly in as soon as the window is opened...



A brown rat: prodigious ability to reproduce

"Close the window and you sweat: open it and you are bitten. The rats leave us alone · but they are getting nervous." You can see them in daylight, running in threes and fours as if on patrol. They seem to have lost their fear.

There are three million of the rodents in Wroclaw, four for every inhabitant of this southwestern Polish city. Soon that number could double or treble. Female rats take 24 days to come to term. The first response of the rats, once they had saved themselves from the torrents was to couple. Typically a rat would give birth to five or seven offspring. of whom three or four might die because of a lack of food. Now there is no shortage. Many cellars are still under

water: the sewerage is still

ces float around once-busy streets or are fished out by men in boats. As the sun beats stench. Lavatories throw back their contents. Electricity works in only a few households. Vegetables, the local hygiene office says, should be washed in water that has been boiled for at least five minutes. Slowly, almost a month after the first torrent, order is

returning. But the rats have taken command. Ewa Bochniarz recalls the rats' initial response: They were climb-ing on to the high branches of trees, on top of the traffic lights and road signs." Rats sense catastrophe early — not only sinking ships but also earthquakes and floods - and they swim strongly. They not only sense disaster, they survive it.

When American scientists visited a Pacific atoll that had

been battered by atomic tests. they found everything, every plant, had been killed or burnt away, apart from a pack of healthy rats. This capacity for survival may explain the shifting attitudes in Wroclaw. "Normally we would have beaten him to death," said Barbara Gornik, on the Kozanow estate. "But when I saw the rat struggling for his life, clinging to a branch. I just had to throw him a piece of wood. He clambered onto the raft and I suppose I saved his life." In a strange way, some of

these people under stress seem



Wroclaw under water during the recent floods. Now that the River Oder is at last returning to its course, local people are faced with a matter of immediate health concern: how to get rid of the army of rats

to mimic the social protocols and solidarity of the rat world (biologists have recorded incidents of healthy rats leading blind ones along gutters with a piece of straw). Teenage thugs smashed in the windows of a private bicycle shop and looted the stock during the early days of the flooding.

They then offered the bikes free to stranded flood victims who were crossing streets on improvised pontoon bridges. But the flood victims refused the offer they did not want to benefit from looted property. The patience with the rats may soon run out and then

Wrocław will be turning to the

West for poison aid. The most effective weapon, Wrocław officials say, are anti-coagulants which fool the "taster" rats and which take some time

The floods spared the rerenovated market square, though not the university library (700 volumes are paper). The hope is that the 17,000 evacuees will soon be able to return and that the city will be in order again by the autumn, in time to attract at though, the rats will have to go

Springs, said the bird would have been as heavy as a bullock and could run at up to 16 miles an hour. He claims the flightless bird, which lived about was bigger than Madagas car's giant elephant bird. which up to now has been regarded as the biggest bird that ever lived. Dr Murray has assemb-

led the skeleion of the bird for the Museum of Central Australia in Alice Springs. where he is curator. He said the Alcoota dromornis had human-sized legs and three long, slen-der toes on each hooved foot. "It would not have been ferocious, but if attacked it would have been able to kick its opponents to death and it would have been able to outrun anything that might have been

The fossilised skeleton of the Alcoota dromornis is the latest in a

series of discoveries to be

made at Alcoota, outside Alice Springs. A number of

on building sites catch foreigners

BY DEBORAH COLLCUIT

IN A series of raids on covernment building sites in Berlin, authorities have arrested scores of foreign workers and employees for offences

The Bild daily reported that teams of tax investigators, border police and state legislators found 173 illegal workers employed on some big government building projects, in-cluding the new parliament on Unter den Linden boulevard.

Eight raids, between February and June this year, uncovered many offences being committed on the sites, such as illegal employment and undercutting of the statutory minimum wage, putting jobs of German developers and

builders at risk. On three separate visits to the Reichstag building site, authorities exposed 13 firms that had hired 67 illegal foreign workers for cut-price wages. Similar operations were encountered at the sites of the new Justice Ministry, the federal press office, an armed forces hospital and on land where civil service accommodation is being built. Last night, the Berlin public prosecutor's office would not comment on the nationalities of the workers arrested. About 50,000 British builders are employed in eastern Germany

and in rebuilding Berlin, which takes over from Bonn as capital next year. Most of the workers allegedly-claim unemployment bene-fit and pay no tax or national insurance. They also endure appalling conditions, both on and off site, for wages that outstrip rates paid in their home countries.

Berlin raids | Waigel will press for cut in Bonn payments to EU

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT IN FRANKFURT

Finance Minister, may resort to blocking parliamentary business to force a reduction in Bonn's contributions to the

In an interview in this week's Spiegel magazine, Herr Waigel says Germany will sanction grants to Europe's poorer regions, when they are reviewed in 1999, only if we get a new burdensharing as well". At present, Germany not only pays more — around £16 billion — to Brussels, but also gets back less than any other EU nation in grants and financial

"It is no longer acceptable that one country. Germany, should meet a 60 per cent share of the EU's expenditure," Herr Waigel told the

magazine.
He proposes that Germany contribute 0.4 per cent instead of the present 0.6 per cent of its gross national product to Brussels a reduction of up to £2.4 billion.

Supported by the ruling coalition and the opposition Social Democrats, Herr Waigel recently told regionalgovernments that Germany was paying nearly 55 billion more to the EU that it can afford in the present economic climate of weak growth and record high unemployment. Between 1991 and 1996, this amounted to Bonn contributing £48 billion more than it got

The details of the new plan are contained in "Agenda 2000", which Herr Waigel plans to present to EU colleagues this autumn in support of a reduction in

THEO WAIGEL, the German contributions for Bonn by the

end of the century.
The sudden haste with which the matter is being dealt stems from the fear among party leaders and economists that financial demands on Germany will increase with every new member admitted to the EU.

Herr Waigel also told Spiegel that Germany was not as well off as it was before unification. "Germany has the right to demand a change to our contribution rate because of a change in our wealth," he

Herr Waigel also accused tax-haven countries, such as Britain (Channel Islands and Isle of Mani, Ireland and Luxembourg, which profit from EU transfers, of "unfair tax dumping".

He complained of being "bled dry" by such countries which lure large German companies and banks abroad with the promise of attractive tax rates. He called on all EU members to unite politically to stamp out this practice. □ Dresden: German prosecu-

tors said yesterday that two soldiers had admitted firebombing an Italian workers' hostel because they hated foreigners. The soldiers, aged 18 and 20, were detained on Sunday after the building in Dresden was badly damaged on Saturday. No one was hurt and the Italians had gone on holiday the day before the attack, police said. Authorities found swastikas daubed on the building and said witnesses reported that the suspected attackers had shouted Nazi slogans shortly after the fire started. (Reuter)



Playsic: force will be allowed

Karadzic guards outlawed

Sarajevo: Special police forces in Bosnia will be banned unless they are used to protect senior elected officials or dignitaries. a spokesman for the Nato-led peace force said yesterday.

By the end of August any police personnel not certified by the UN police will be judged illegal, said Major John Blakeley. Since special police forces in the Serbcontrolled half of Bosnia have protected indicted war crimes suspects, such as Radovan Karadzic, the new policy could further isolate the wartime Serb leader. There are up to 3,000

specials". International officials indicated that Bosnian Serb police forces protecting Biljana Playsic, the elected President of Republika Srpska, would be allowed to continue their work.

The Foreign Office resumed contact in London vesterday with the Bosnian chargé d'affaires, Magdim Pasic, following agreement in Bosnia over the appointment of joint sadors. (AP/AFP)

Typhoid and cholera come back to haunt Russia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW its 850th anniversary celebra-

RUSSIA'S creaking healthcare system is struggling to fight off lethal diseases, both old and new, which threaten to raise the nation's staggering In the latest health scare,

Emergencies Ministry, has cination or face arrest. flown to the southern republic of Dagestan to help to combat an outbreak of typhoid. In the past few weeks the disease has swept through several villages near the Caspian Sea, leaving lo8 victims in hospital, nearly half of them children. The region is noted for annual epidemics of other waterborne diseases, such as

This year the capital is not taking any chances of a cholera outbreak, as it prepares for

tion. Under an order signed by the chief medical officer of Moscow, all traders arriving in the city from Central Asia, the Caucasus and some Russian republics will be obliged Sergei Shoigu, the head of the to undergo a compulsory vac-

Aside from cholera and typhoid, other diseases practically eradicated in the West are growing here. Russia has the highest tuberculosis rate in Europe. It has witnessed an explosion in sexually transmitted diseases such as syphilis, although Aids is still relatively rare. Between 1991 and 1990 nearly half of the world's diphtheria outbreaks were re-

corded in Russia. A report released earlier this year revealed that life expectancy for men in Russia is 59 years and 73 years for women. In the world league table Russia ranks in 135th place for men and 100th for women. behind all of Europe, America and most of Asia. The dramatic drop in life

expectancy is largely blamed on the scourge of alcoholism. which since the collapse of the Soviet Union has reached epidemic proportions. Russians on average drink more than 13 litres of pure alcohol annually for every man. woman and child, double the per capita consumption figure in 1990. When Mikhail Gorbachev

launched his anti-alcohol campaign in 1986-1987, life expec-Russia's history.

fossils have been found there over the past 13 years. Dr Murray said yesterday he had also discovered bones of a giant, rhinoceros-like marsupial that could either be a much bigger specimen of a herbivore known as Pyramios alcootense or of a previously undiscovered creature. He said: "The story is very exciting. We knew that Pyramios had a large range of sizes, but the bones we have found show

Dr Murray said he planned to write about his discoveries for scientific journals. He said: "I suppose it is time we wrote about it, but you keep discovering new things."

it a third bigger than

anything previously dis-

covered - about the size of

a small rhino or an Asian

buffalo.

Bets off after ban on Turkish casinos

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKISH casino owners have been left wondering whether to throw in their hands after President Demirel reluctantly signed a law forcing the closure of a casino industry conservatively valued at £1.27 billion.

Mr Demirel had previously vetoed legislation drawn up by the then Islamic-led Govern-ment which gave casino operators six months to cash in their chips. He did so on the ground that the law violated existing contractual agreements between many five-star hotels and international operators.

However, the new secularminded Government surprised many observers by presenting the Bill again to

parliament successfully, thus the links in a series of scandals obliging the President to give his consent

The Turkish press had its fair sprinkling of tragic tales of respectable family men cracking under the strain of gambling debts. That led to a series of regulations stopping casinos from offering perks such as free drinks and a chauffeured limousine to ferry high fliers home from the tables. However, the real public pressure to close the casinos has less to do with a religious backlash than with the widely held suspicion that at least some of the country's 78 gambling halls are run by organised crime.

Casinos awash with cash are popularly seen as one of connecting the police, politicians and organised crime. One casino uwner, suspected by American drug enforcement agents of being a key figure in the heroin trade, was murdered in a highly "professional" attack.

Among those accused of the crime are four policemen, members of an elite squad who later served as bodyguards to an MP in Tansu Ciller's True Path party.

Ibrahim Gurdal, the Minister for Tourism, is betting that the legislation will still fail. He said at the weekend that the new law would provoke legal challenges abroad as well as in Turkey's constitutional



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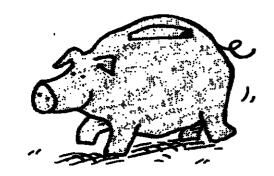


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US envoy smooths peace path

IN JERUSALEM

AMERICAN efforts to revive the Middle East peace process made headway yesterday as Israeli and Palestinian intelligence chiefs met amid intense shuttle diplomacy by President Clinton's envoy. Dennis

But thousands of Palestinians, including supporters of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, and Islamic Jihad, rallied in the West Bank town of Ramallah and Gaza City against Israel's policies. After the Ramallah demonstration, more than 100 young men burnt tyres and threw stones at Israeli soldiers manning an army checkpoint outside the entrance to the city.

Nevertheless, Mr Ross continued to emphasise the need for the two sides to restore security co-operation after the suicide bomb attack in Jerusalem two weeks ago. The attack

Blairs take

château

retreat on

Jospin's

doorstep

IN PARIS AND GLEN OWEN TONY BLAIR will spend a

week's holiday with his family in a picturesque French château less than eight miles from Cintegabelle, the political field of Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Prime Minister, the French press reported yesterday. The news that Mr Blair,

"the most important man in the United Kingdom", will

leave Tuscany on Sunday for the tiny village of Saint-Mar-tin-d Oydes, 30 miles south of Toulouse, was splashed triumphantly across the front page

of the local paper, the Depeche du Midi, under the headline The British Premier Lord of the Manor in Ariège".

According to the news-paper, Mr Blair, his wife Cherie and children, Nicholas,

Katherine and Ewan, are to

stay for just over a week at the 12th-century château owned

by Sir David Keene, a High

Court judge, who sits at the

hub of the Blairs' circle of legal

circle around the church,

The château has more than

four acres of gardens, a swim-

ming pool and, most impor-

tantly, high walls to protect

the Prime Minister and his

family from the prying lenses

of the paparazzi. In this tran-

quil setting, the Blairs will be able to enjoy such regional

specialties as cassoulet. Ac-

cording to the Depêche du

Midi it is not the first time the

should be an ideal retreat.

yesterday when a 49-year-old man died of injuries suffered in the twin blast at the marketplace on July 30.

Mr Ross's plea was in line with statements by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and President Clinton. At the same time the American envoy made it clear that at a later date Israel would have to be flexible over Palestinian demands on political issues.

What we have here is a situation where we need to reestablish a security basis because that can pave the way for putting the process back on track and addressing the political side," he said.

There has to be, as I have said, a security underpinning. But the political issues also have to be addressed. We want to see the Israeli-Palestinian track go forward because it is the key for making everything else [in the Middle East] work.

We want to see efforts at a ings. Israeli military intelligence officials have yet to broader comprehensive settlement pursued as well."

Mr Ross's comments came during a news conference, briefly interrupting a hectic schedule of shuttle diplomacy between Jerusalem and Ramaliah, where he held talks with Yassir Arafat. President of the Palestine Authority.

The US envoy was dispatched to the region to repair the breakdown in relations between Israel and the Palestinians after the suicide bombtwo bombers, but maintain they were most likely Palestinians from the West Bank. The families of the men at present suspected of having

determine the identities of the

been the attackers have refused to submit to a DNA test, further hampering the Israeli investigation.

Last night thousands of Palestinian protesters marched down Gaza's main

'Israeli torture' claim

Nabativeh: Annesty International criticised Israel yesterday for refusing to allow it access, to a jail in south Lebanon where the human rights group says Lebanese prisoners are being tortured. "It seems that there is something happening in the Khiam jail which Israel

ongoing there," Serge Thibodeau, representative of the Canadian branch of the London-based human rights

About 150 Lebanese are held in Khiam prison, many detained for more than ten years without trial or charge. end a closure it imposed after the suicide attack. "As long as my son is in prison, I don't feel whose 24-year-old son, Ahmad, is serving a life term

in an Israeli jail. The protesters carried photos of their husbands and sons and waved Palestinian flags. "Yassir — we are with you," one sign read, referring to Mr Arafat.

Palestinian officials say 3,500 political prisoners remain in Israeli jails.

Meanwhile, Rafik Hariri, the Lebanese Prime Minister. iccused forces loyal to Mr Arafat of firing rockets from Lebanese soil that injured a woman in northern Israel last Friday. In a telephone interview with the French daily Le Monde, he said: "It appears that these were Arafat's people But he did not affer evidence to

support the allegation.

guernillas, fighting to drive Israeli troops from their south Lebanon "security zone", had denied firing the rockets and that he believed them. Israel retaliated for the rocket attack with air anacks on southern

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Lebanon guerrilla bases. Mr Hariri also criticised comments Mr Arafat made after the suicide bombing. saying that Mr Arafat had accepted the word of Israeli intelligence in blaming foreigners for the attack, and that this explained why israel was attacking Lebanon.

"He takes his information from the Israelis, even though he knows it to be false." Mr Hariri said. "Mr Aralat well knows that Lebanon has endured much and continues to do so to defend the Palestinia cause. The Israelis hold him He responds that they the suicide bombers; came from



The château at Saint-Martin d'Oydes, which belongs to Sir David Keene, a High Court judge, where the Blans was a second

family have spent holidays in this corner of the Ariège, between Pamiers and the Lèze

Yesterday speculation on the opportunity for an informal summit between the Brit friends. The "particularly pic-turesque" village of Saint-Martin d'Oydes, with its forti-fied houses clustered in a ish and French leaders was rife. M Jospin, who is on holiday in the fashionable resort of lle de Ré off La Rochelle on the Atlantic coast, is due back in Paris at the end of the week. Although it could not confirm a meeting between the two, his Paris office said yesterday that "he could well be in Cintegabelle on Sunday", the day of Mr Blair's

> Even if the two leaders do not meet next week. Mr Blair can be sure the local welcome will be warm. Saint-Martin's 198 inhabitants are reported to

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be in a turmoil of excitement, while the mayor, André Bordenave, has called a special meeting of the town council to plan a welcoming ceremony. A reception to which the whole village would be invited to share a glass of wine with the British leader is likely, but M Bordenave said the final decision would be taken "after we have seen Mr

The community may be hoping that Mr Blair's visit will put their tiny hamlet on the map in the same way that M Jospin's elevation to the premiership in May has turned Cintegabelle into a popular tourist attraction.

Śir David, 57, was appointed to the bench in 1994 after a long and lucrative career at the Bar, taking on cases which ranged across the political spectrum. As a specialist in local government and plan-ning law he acted for Chris Patten, then the Environment Secretary, in High Court actions to cap the spending of ly, he took on "Swampy" and his fellow eco-warriors by putting the case for

Sir David's position his invitation to the P Minister's Downing Stre

Caine and Lenny Henry, also included Sir David and other legal friends built up during Mr Blant's time at the Bar. Several of those invited in and Anthony Scrivener QC are star performers, with



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Republicans moan as Clinton uses new veto powers

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BILL CLINTON struck three provisions from the new tax and budget Bills yesterday, the first time an American President has wielded a longsought power called the line-

Mr.Clinton said in the Oval Office that his gesture would send a signal that "the Washington rules have changed for good". Special interests would no longer be able to play the old game of slipping tax concessions into huge Bills in the hope that nobody would notice. The new authority was a powerful tool to protect taxpayers, he said.

However, Republicans who gave Mr Clinton the line-item veto power in a Bill passed last year complained. Newt Gingrich. the Republican House Speaker, accused the President of playing petty politics. He said Mr Clinton had broken the hard-fought bipartisan agreement on tax and spending cuts reached last week to balance the

federal budget in five years. None of the three items affected by the stroke of President Clinton's pen was a colossal saving by American budget standards. The biggest was to cancel a provision which allowed financial service companies to shelter income in foreign tax havens to avoid all US taxation. That decision will save the Government \$317 million (£200 mil-

lion) over five years. The second closed a loophole in Medicaid spending for the poor and disabled that would have benefited New York State unfairly

processing companies that sell their plants to farmers' cooperatives. It was aimed at Harold Simmons, a Texas ous contributor to the Republican Party, who would have avoided capital gains on the sale of his sugar-beet refinery to a co-operative.

The line-item veto in effect gives the President editorial power over money Bills to delete specific tax concessions or spending proposals that he dislikes without having to veto the entire legislation.

The line-item veto was promised in the Republicans' Contract with America and they passed the measure knowing that the first President to take advantage of it would be a Democrat.

For generations, Presidents have sought the line-item dispensation, which is available to many state Governors. When he signed the Bill into law, Mr Clinton said it would allow Presidents to fight special interest "boondoggles", tax loopholes and "pure pork"

- bloated spending. Mr Clinton's action yester day is expected to provoke a legal challenge that will go all the way to the Supreme Court on the ground that the lineitem veto undermines the Congress to legislate taxes.

Under the law, Congress can restore any item cancelled by the President with a simple majority vote within a month. If the President vetoes it again, Congress can override him only with a two-thirds



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Dying Raj protected perverse princes

On eve of independence, British burnt the records kept by spies on maharajahs' secret sex lives

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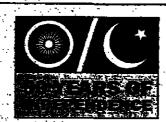
FIFTY years after being coaxed, cajoled or forced at gunpoint into joining India, hundreds of former princes and their offspring, their fieddoms and privileges gone, are broken men. A few are powerful politicians. Some are hoteliers living in private wings of great palaces opened up for profit, members of a new entrepreneurial elite.

Their forebears' excesses hang over them in constant embarrassment. The Raj kept meticulous records of the maharajahs' sexual predilections, a record so explosive that two months befure independence the files were burnt. History has thus been denied the finer details of the private lives of the world's most fantastic chutch of sybarnes.

Tonies of records were burnt on the orders of Sir-Conrad Corfield, the Viceroy's political secretary, who spent his life representing the princes interests. He left india furious at the treatment of the aristocracy as independence approached. The princes were denied what they most wanted; their own independence.

ed: their own independence.

Clement Attlee's Government approved the destruction of the files, amassed over 150 years, because they lent them selves to blackmail. Jawaharial Nehru, about to become independent. India's first



Prime Minister, protested at this destruction of historical records, but even as he did so fires were burning all over lodia, consuming the labours of generations of spies and miormers. Some of the information in those files was part of well-informed gossip over

6 The Maharajah of Alwar, a man of sadistic tastes, routinely used village boys as bait on his tiger shoots 9

chota pegs in that most vital institution of the Raj, the club. It became known, for example, that an early Nawab of Rampus, bet fellow princes that he could deflower more virgins in a year than they could. Village girls were brought to his palace in flocks; they left without the gold nose ring that indicated a virgin.

ring that more are a virgin.

Sir Hari Singh, last Maharajah of Kashmir, was caught
in bed with a woman in the



The Prince of Wales hunts with a maharajah in 1921

Savoy Hotel, London, by a man masquerading as her husband. He was blackmailed out of a fortune. The woman's real husband eventually exposed the scandal, leading to a trial in which Sir Hari was known only as "Mr A". Thereafter his sexual exploits focused on orgies with young men in the safety of his palaces in Srinagar and Jammu.

The Nizam of Hyderabad, a keen photographer, produced a mountain of pornographic pictures by installing cameras in the walls and ceilings of his guest rooms.

The files burnt by Sir Conrad contained much information about the sadistic tastes of the Maharajah of Alwar, who routinely used village boys as bait on his tiger shoots. Anybody hoping to become an officer in his army had to participate in his orgies, which often ended with rinal killings. He became too obscene to tolerate and the British forced him into exile.

None has sunk to a lower ebb than the royal house of Oudh, which ruled over five million people from its capital. Lucknow, now the capital of Uttar Pradesh state. Princes Rajkumari Sakina Mahal and her brother, Prince Rajkumar Cyrus Riza, last of the line, live in a mouldering 13th-century huming lodge in the Delhi woods, which bakes in summer, freezes in winter and leaks in the monsoon.

Their mother. Princess Wilayat Mahal, killed herself in 1993 by swallowing crushed diamonds. Her children live out their lives of squalor with a collection of large dogs that warn off intruders, although there is nothing left to steal. They share their abode with mice, chipmunks, birds and bats, and two anguished hermits waiting to die.

At the other end of the scale, Arvind Singh Mewar, Maharana of Udaipur, runs successful hotels, enabling him to maintain his magnificent palaces and retain the devotion that always fell naturally to the aristocracy, even the most perverse, given the belief that they descended from the gods.



A maharajah and the Prince of Wales, on a visit to India in 1922, perch on top of the royal elephant Hirazaz for a procession, accompanied by

WORLD SUMMARY

Guard on Pakistani mosques

Karachi: Pakistan deployed paramilitary troops in Punjab province after sectarian violence led to the deaths of more than 50 people in the past five days (Zahid Hussain writes). The troops are guarding mosques and other religious buildings which have been the main targets of the strife.

The military move came after 18 Shia Muslims were killed on Saturday, allegedly by Sunni extremists seeking revenge for an attack on a mosque in Lahore last week.

Farm disaster

Anisterdam: The Netherlands' livestock industry has been thrown into chaos by the country's worst ever swine fever epidemic. More than five million pigs have been culled since February.

Germ war claim

Tokyo: More than 100 Chinese are suing the Japanese Government for allegedy killing hundreds of people by dropping plague infected fleas on Zhejiang province in October 1940. (AP)

Bribes admitted

Seoul: Two South Korean businessmen said in court that millions of dollars they gave to a son of President Kim Young Sam were bribes. Kim Hyun Chul, 37, was arrested in May on corruption charges. (AP)

Mugabe mocked Harare: President Mugabe

Harare: President Mugabe was defied by 300 veterans of Zimbabwe's liberation war who jeered him at the Heroes Day event. The poor veterans are bitter over the affluence of a coterie of politicians.

Tomb unearthed

Beijing: Archaeologists have found a 6.000-year-old tomb at a building site near Zheng-zhou in central China. It contains skeletal remains, pots, bowls, a bone needle and other artefacts. (AP)

Communist's killers tell of post-apartheid fears

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN PRETORIA

TWO convicted killers gave their reasons yesterday for murdering Chris Hani, the South African Communist leader, four years ago. They said they feared he would impose an oppressive Eastern bloc-style regime.

Janusz Walus and Clive

Derby-Lewis, who are serving life jail terms for the murder on April 10, 1993, denied speculation that they were part of a larger conspiracy; they said they had acted alone. The two said they were motivated by South Africa's most powerful rightwing group of the time, the Conservative Party, which they said

motivated by South Africa's most powerful rightwing group of the time, the Conservative Party, which they said was "at war" with liberation groups. Derby-Lewis, formerly a senior Conservative Party leader and member of parliament, and Walus both denied guilt during their trial, but

have since applied for an amnesty from the Truth and Johannesburg. Reconciliation Commission. Walus said the

The commission, which is investigating human rights abuses carried out during the apartheid era, has the power to grant ammesty to criminals who fully admit their guilt and can prove political motives.

In statements to the com-

In statements to the commission, Walus, a Polish immigrant, said that he and Derby-Lewis carried out the murder alone, disputing reports that it had been masterminded by the apartheid Government which was then still in power.

South African newspapers have also speculated that some of Hani's allies in the now-ruling African National Congress may have been involved. Hani, an enormously popular leader, was shot in the

head outside his home near Johannesburg. Walus said that he emìgrat-

Walus said that he emigrated to South Africa because he believed it was "governed by Afrikaners who would never capitulate to communism, the latter ideology being by definition godless and thus anti-Christian". He said he feared the coming to power of Hani would plumge South Africa into a communism "of the same or worse type than that experienced in Poland".

The killers' evidence was delayed yesterday by legal argument over whether statements made by the two prisoners after their arrest should be made admissible. The killers say that the statements were irrelevant because they made them when detectives had deprived them of sleep and given them alcohol.

Envoy's Russian wife braced for tough Cambodian debut

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PHNOM PENH is a long way from Nizhny Novgorod. But when Lena Edgar leaves her family in Russia to join her husband in Cambodia, she will take up a post unimaginable a decade ago. Not only is she the wife of Britain's youngest ambassador, but she is the only Russian to help her husband to represent Britain abroad.

In the wake of the Soviet Union's demise, the Foreign Office no longer puts a ban on diplomats marrying Russians. George Edgar, on temporary leave from the diplomatic service, was posted in Tajikistan with an international agency, and met Lena, a journalist; they married three

years ago.
Now, at the age of 37, he has just arrived in Phnom Penh, where he has the hazardous jube of keeping watch over the 300-strong British community, encouraging British business investment and discouraging footbose tourists.



Lena Edgar with husband George, Britain's man in Phnom Penh, and their daughter Anna

Mrs Edgar is not worried by a post in one of the world's most unstable countries. She and her husband will be virtually confined to the capital, as the countryside, apart from one or two areas, is still too dangerous for travel. But they will be well guarded, and Mrs Edgar will have time to bring up Anna, their daughter, and write the occasional piece for

the BBC World Service. In two days of seminars and discussion from the British Spouses Association, she was given all the tips of old hands posted abroad: how to avoid trouble, ensure security and get by on basic provisions. Making friends in a new post is clearly vital: Mrs Edgar hopes to see a lot of the Russians who live in

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Lourdes: hysteria or hope?

Each year five million pilgrims go to Lourdes. Sue Corrigan discovers what they find when they arrive

heltering in the foot-hills of the majestic Pyrenees and split by a rushing turquoise river, Lourdes is a place of appealing natural beauty. Casual observers tend, however, to be appalled by what they see there, and by what the town appears to represent.

The isolated rural hamlet of

150 years ago has been transformed by religious fervour into a huge tourist centre attracting five million visitors each year. Lourdes has more hotels than any place in France other than Paris. It seems to have more tacky souvenir shops than any other place on earth, most selling the same norrible array of plastic icons and statues, mixed in with T-shirts, baseball caps and garish rosary beads.

Even worse is the distressing sight of thousands of sick. disabled, infirm, deformed and dying people, their wheelchairs and stretchers clogging the town's streets, churches and squares. An avalanche of human suffering and pain, almost unbearable to observe in its pathos.

It's hardly surprising, there-fore, that Lourdes has something of an image problem, that it's regarded by many as a symbol of religiosity at its worst - deeply irrational, grossly commercialised and, ultimately, exploitative.

That, however, is the view from the outside. Like many judgments based solely on external appearances, it is quite misleading. From deep inside the heart of Lourdes, looking out, the view is very

I went there a few weeks ago as a pilgrim, one of 760 people travelling together from the Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. My severely disabled son, Shane, aged 7, accompanied me. He was to find somewhere to take all the



A volunteer with a disabled pilgrim: "Lourdes helps make sense of pain and suffering. It is Christianity in action in its purest, most impressive, most life-changing form"

join the vast throngs moving slowly through the town's narrow streets in his wheelchair. I to join the many hundreds of heartbroken mothers there.

I wasn't sure before I left whether I was doing the right thing by going, and I wasn't sure what I'd find when I got there. All I knew was that I needed to make the journey, that Lourdes was somehow calling me, that I needed to

anger and pain and grief I've but I wasn't sure what she been struggling with for the past seven years, and that have at times threatened to overwheim me.

My father, a doctor, thought I was crazy. My husband, who would never dream of going. was worried it might prove too distressing. Only my mother. who has been there herself, seemed to understand and approve. "I hope it brings you

I was glad of her support.

meant. How could an exhausting journey with hundreds of strangers, many of them sick and in pain, on top of a week spent pushing a wheelchair through thousands of swarming tourists, possibly leave me feeling peaceful?

I was impelled to go far more by curiosity than hope. In large measure. I concluded. I was going because I'm a pilgrimage involved in the late 20th century. Unaware they still took place until I chanced to pick up a leaflet about Lourdes in Westminster Cathedral earlier this year, I had ignorantly assumed that mass pilgrimages were something people undertook in the Mid-

dle Ages, not nowadays. Even more than feeling an to go there with my own son, I was keen to find out what motivated so many other people to travel Why were they going? What did they hope to find?

The first inkling of what awaited my son and me at Lourdes occurred as soon as we boarded one of the numerous coaches converging on Dover from all over Sussex and southern Surrey. In a most un-English way, complete strangers smiled at me. introduced themselves and launched into animated and excited conversation. Shane and I were inundated with offers of help and small kindnesses. This pleasant, though rather unsettling, experience continued as we assembled at Dover, boarded the ferry for the short crossing to Calais and then tumbled on to a rattling old French train for the overnight trip to

mong our fellow pilgrims. I discovered, Shane and I were virtually the only ones making maiden voyages. With only a few exceptions, the people I spoke to were all returning to Lourdes, some for the ninth, tenth, even seventeenth and eighteenth time. Each person spoke as though he or she were going to an extraordinarily special place, a place quite unlike any other. I

was more and more intrigued. The specially reserved train we were travelling in — about half a mile long - included three ambulance cars, containing L20 beds. They were filled with sick and disabled patients, quite a few of them seriously ill. Several people were brought to the train on stretchers, tubes and intravenous drips held aloft by carers. There were also 35 nurses and ten doctors aboard the train, all volunteers paying to go to Lourdes to work flat out all

week for no pay.

They were joined by 250 other helpers, many of them strapping teenagers - who also pay for the privilege of helping the ill, the disabled the infirm - and around 200 able pilgrims. The male volunteers are known as brancardiers (French for "stretcherbearers"), the females as "handmaids".

TOMORROW

Don't get mad.

get even. Barry Wigmore goes to

Lourdes - 'clearly a place where God is present' 140 years, there have been Heading a small team that thousands of medically inexplicable cures recorded by the Lourdes Medical Directorate, works year-round in an office in the West Sussex town of Storrington to organise the although only 64 have been formally recognised by the diocese's annual pilgrimage is Lady Sarah Clutton, a daugh-

Beyond this, though,

impressive most life-changing on his eighteenth pilgrimage.

Church as miracles.

many of them feel, but which

they rarely get a chance to put into practice. We find each

year that volunteers, particu-

larly the young, are flocking in

As for the sick and infirm and disabled, why do they make the arducing journey?

Why is Lightless such a magnet,

lies in Lourdes's deserved

reputation as a place of re-

markable cures and miracu-

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ever greater numbers."

These volunteers do anything and everything - lug-ging hundreds of suitcases

and heavy boxes of medical

equipment on and off trains,

pushing wheelchairs, tending

the sick, entertaining children

and babysitting. Much of the

equipment required for the

journey must be obtained and

packed in advance: 40 wheel-

medical boxes, food and kitch-

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ter of the 16th Duke of Norfolk.

Lady Sarah was this year

making her twenty-first con-

secutive pilgrimage, her twen-

tieth as chief organiser. Along with the rest of her team, Lady

Sarah works entirely on a

several hundred volunteer helpers, joining several hun-dred sick, disabled and frail

elderly travellers, that helps to

elevate a pilgrimage to Lourdes far above any ordi-

nary organised tour. Both groups benefit enormously.

go, and they come back over-joyed," says Father Tony Bar-

ry, one of 24 members of the

clergy accompanying this year's pilgrimage, which was led by the Bishop of Arundel

"It helps young people ex-press the idealism and yearn-ing for a better world that so

and Brighton.

The volunteers work around the clock, they pay to

It is the combination of

Lourdes is a place that helps to make sense of pain and suffer-ing. It also helps to make sense of religion. It is Christianity in action in its purest, most

form. A number of people who have gone there as atheists or agnostics have been received into the Catholic Church as a result of their experiences. The sick and disabled are revered as the most precious of God's children, treated with a kindness and a generosity of spirit, that makes them feel extraordinarily valued and worthwhile. Anyone in a wheelchair or on a stretcher enjoys absolute priority in Lourdes. "It is clearly a place where God is present," says Father Barry.

Seen and experienced in this light, Lourdes ceases to be a place of tacky shops and human misery, and instead becomes a place of shining goodness, idealism and joy. The shops, cases, bars and hotels outside the walls of the shrine area — a vast sanctuary known as the Domaine - just fade away. They are there, but they are peripheral, unimpor-tant. Inside the Domaine is everything that really matters. and in there, people behave quite differently from the way they tend to in normal, every-

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Though crowded through-out the pilgrimage season, which runs from Easter to the end of October, the Domaine is wondrously hushed and subdued. People gather quietly at the various churches, at the taps dispensing Lourdes's famous spring water and, most of all, at the grotto.

t was in this area that the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to a destitute and sickly little girl. Bernadette Soubirous, on 18 separate occasions between February and July 1858. Hymns and prayers in any one of a multitude of languages drift through the air like incense. Thousands of candles burn, night and day.

In a never-ending stream, even in the early hours of the morning, people queue in absolute silence to walk around the grotto's semi-circular rock wall. The rock itself, though rough to the touch outside the grotto, is smooth as: marble within, pobshed by the millions of hands that have run along its surface over the past 140 years. Hundreds of people sit or kneel outside, deeply absorbed in thought and prayer. All that can be heard is the rushing water of which runs alongside.

Pilgrims wait patiently to enter the grotto or the nearby baths, where they immerse themselves in the spring water uncovered by Bernadette during one of the apparitions. But as soon as a sick or disabled person approaches in a wheelchair, the crowds part willingly and volunteer helpers usher. that person to the very front with the kindest of smiles.

As I walked around with Shane, strangers approached me, squeezed my hands, and kissed my son's cheeks. Volun-: teers from the Arundel and Brighton pilgrimage were on hand night and day to help me in any way they could. My son's face began to shine with joy, and on our last night in Lourdes, he thanked me in his. halting speech for having tak-en him there.

Afterwards, I talked at length with one person after another about what Lourdes. meant to them, and was profoundly moved by each and every one's compassion and thoughtfulness.

For me, the most miraculous thing about Lourdes is the way the sick people and the helpers all get such a lift from being with each other," said Dr Kevin Kelly, a Surrey GP, and leader of the group's medical team. "This place calls forth extraordinary love and

Before his first visit, Dr Kelly confesses, he was not impressed by what he had heard about Lourdes. "I thought that it was a lot of hysteria," he said. Now he was:

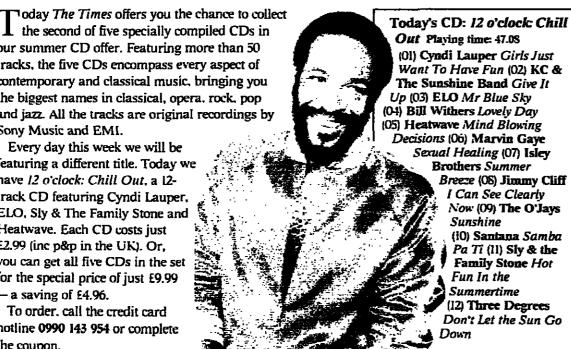
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Murder and the king of the club kids

When Michael Alig told his friends that he had killed his flatmate, they did nothing. Jason Cowley reports

moter Michael Alig had an unrivalled flair for self-promotion. When, in March last year, he told close friends that he had murdered his lover and flatmate. Angel Melendez they did nothing about it, not even when Angel's legless torso washed up two months later in a wooden box on the shores of Staten Island.

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Alig, 31, was the self-styled king of the club kids, a group of young narcotised nihilists who emerged in the mid-1980s to create a scene of unimaginable, debauchery at Manhattan nightclubs. He is currently in the Manhattan Correctional Centre charged, together with another friend, known only as Freeze, with the murder of Angel He has pleaded not guilty, but a documentary about him to be shown next week on Channel 4, Party Monster, features

The notorious New one of those copycats we hate York nightchib pro- so we killed him. Yes, I killed Angel." He pauses, peers uncertainly at the camera, then adds: "Oh dear, I shouldn't say things like that." The confession was filmed by the English director Fenton Bai-Lev. co-producer of Party Monster, who has known Alig since. they worked together in the late 1980s at Danceteria nightclub and is fascinated by the cult of the club kids.

Friends of Alig were divided over his confessions, some suspecting that they were no more than a publicity stunt. Others suspected, though, that there was a gruesome truth in his story. One of his closest friends, a pretty, blonde dancer called Gitsie, had left her family in Miami to become a club kid after watching a film on cable television about their excesses. She was appalled yet moved by Michael's confession. "I couldn't believe he could do it," she says. "Telling footage of him making one of , me what he'd done was the numerous drug-addled confession. "Angel," he says, his eyes bloodshot and distant, "was did not go to the police. hardest thing in the world for him." As with others. Gitsie





Angel Melendez, left, wanted to be part of the scene, which included Alig dinner parties such as this one at the Bowery Bar. The feeling was that anything could happen and it often did

of the club kids showed how removed they were from conventional society. To them, what mattered was sensation, the feeling that they existed, even though in distress. Possibly drawing inspiration from Boy George and other British neurotic outsiders of the early 1980s, they dressed outra-geously. They flirted with fetishism and androgyny. Their image was ironically uncool, surreal, ridiculous. They thought nothing of dressing as a chicken or wearing women's clothes. They looked like infantile freaks from outer

space," says Bailey. Twisted by drugs, the club kids delighted in obscenity

BEST FRIEND'S STORY

The complicity and silence and self-abuse, scourging anyone who had what they pejoratively called "a normal life". It was as if, in their delusion and fervour, they felt they had journeyed beyond good and evil, entering a blurry, guiltless realm of "pure freedom". where even the murder of Angel, a drug dealer, was permissible.

> ailev savs: "It was amazing that no one went to the police. These kids had no moral compass at all. At first, I think, they didn't believe the murder was true, that Michael was the killing kind; or perhaps that it was a Post-Modern prank and he would

host an "Angel returns" party. But the thing about Michael was that he was like a Peter Pan, creating his own reality.

Born in South Bend. Indiana, in 1966, Michael Alig grew up in a typical suburban American family. His mother. Elke Alig, remembers her son as quiet and shy at school; his homosexuality became apparent after he moved to New York to attend college in the mid-1980s. He was enraptured by the city its vibrancy, its danger and possibility. His first job was as a beliboy at Danceteria. He progressed quickly and was soon working as a promoter for Peter Gatien, owner of fashionable clubs. Bailey says: "Michael

for free, but Angel wasn't like

that. That's why it was so

shocking that he would leave

his drugs and money with

Michael every night.

Michael told me he had

killed Angel in March of 1996.

a couple of weeks after it had

happened. I was at a club near

Times Square doing Special K

and I stumbled out and ended

He said: "James, we have to

talk. Let's make ourselves comfortable." He made tea

and brought out scones, and

he lined up nine bags of heroin and said: "Darling,

have you noticed that some

I said I hadn't. We had a sip

of tea and a few scones and a bag of heroin and he said: "Angel We killed him and we

chopped him up and we threw

him in the river." I knew

immediately that he was tell-

I was more anaesthetised

by the shock than the heroin. wasn't until the next day

that I woke up screaming. I

went and did two or three

grams of Special K and forgot

who I was or where I was, and

I did that for about three

months. That was how I dealt

with it in the beginning. Later, Michael and I would

talk about it. I would shake

him and make him tell the

story over and over again in

extreme detail. I would say:

"When you chopped him up, what were you feeling? What was it like to saw the legs off?

What kind of knife did you

He would say he'd watched

so many Roger Corman mov-ies that he had just put himself in one of them. And

he was on so many drugs that

he was able to block himself

off completely from reality. But the truth is Michael was a

monster from the get-go. It was only a matter of time before he imploded.

There was a point where

body's missing?

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up at Michael's house.

was paid to create a scene with its own sense of chaos, glamour and excitement."

His notoriety spread after he organised a series of "outlaw" parties at McDonald's in Times Square and on the subway. The feeling grew that anything could happen - and it frequently did. At Disco 2000, he introduced a "hot body" competition, whereby clubbers stripped and debased themselves. "I couldn't believe what people would do to themselves for a few dollars," says Lahoma. a former drag queen who used to compere the competitions.

With reckless abandon, Alig played with images of disinte-gration and death. At one club

night, clubbers posed as mutilated corpses in glass cases while others wallowed in vars of raw liver. Events became ever more extreme and tawdry. Walt Paper, a former assistant, says: "We were always testing ourselves to see how far we could go, to see how bloody or extreme or beautiful we could be."

Bailey believes drugs destroved any sense of morality Alig once had. "When we first met. Michael was a quiet, unassuming kid, very different from the monster he became," he says. "His personality changed completely when he started taking drugs; they deinhibited him.

LOVER'S STORY

In Party Monster, there is

footage of Alig in prison. Looking thin and wan, his hair receding, he discusses the behaviour of the club kids, though not Angel, with camp playfulness. That his quest for sensation took him to the edge of madness appears to matter less to him than that he embarked on the quest. He expresses no remorse, only a kind of self-admiring wonder.

"It isn't that he feels no remorse," Bailey disagrees. "It's just that he has difficulty expressing it. What happened to him was the inevitable result of his crazy lifestyle. He was riding a rollercoaster that was out of control."

 Party Monster is on Monday on Channel 4 at 11.30pm

It was hard to reach

ith shaved eyebrows and a curved steel pin an inch and a half long through his chin, James St James, a former New York "club kid", describes his 12-year friendship with Michael Alig, who was a lowly worker at Danceteria, a Manhattan nightclub, when St James first met him. Alig is now in a New York jail charged with murdering Angel Melendez. St James has just finished a 70,000-word account of his time with Alig and was interviewed, sipping a screwdriver in a poolside lounger at the Argyle Hotel in Hollywood,

I started the "club kid" movement in about 1985. I had been running around with a Village Voice columnist for about a year or so, going to parties and dressing up, doing the whole club thing, wearing tutus and tiaras and flowerpots on our heads.

where he now lives.

When Michael Alig first moved to New York he worked at Danceteria clearing tables, but you could see that he was taking notes in his head. This was something that interested him, some-

thing he could use. He saw what we were doing and he saw a way to turn it into something profitable for him. At first he was a cloying little monster who used to chase us around, inviting us to awful parties that nobody wanted to go to. Pretty soon he went from having awful parties at awful clubs to having good parties at good clubs, and we got roped in. In March of 1987, New York magazine put Michael and the club kids on



Michael Alig and James St James, who says: "There's no getting around his charisma" amazing. He rises and falls to

whatever level people ap-proach him at. The club scene

is mostly dizzy transvestites

who can't string three words

together, so it's rare to find

comeone with whom you can

the cover, and after that there was no denying him.

Michael is capable of monstrous acts of evil but there's no getting round his charisma. Just to watch him work is

> actually exchange ideas. In about 1990, we started doing ketamine, a drug that we called Special K, used by vets as an animal tranquillis er. I was in a downward spiral and became deeply in debt and tried working as a prostitute in the meat-packing district for a month until the other "girls" kicked me out for bringing down the market rate. After that I left town and went to South Beach in Flori-

da for about two years.

It was when I came back that I met Angel Melendez for the first time, but he was such a nasty person that he was never a part of the circle. He was a snide, rude, arrogant son of a bitch, a last-ditch drug dealer whom we used after exhausting all the others. You wouldn't know it to talk

to him, but judging from the way he dressed with those ridiculous wings and the platform shoes and the patent leather outlits, he wanted to be a player, a part of the scene. Michael realised that Angel was the key to the candy factory, but he always despised him. Most drug dealers we came across would just

it looked as if he was going to get away with it. Throughout the summer of 1996 I stayed with him and tried to understand it from his point of view. I said nothing to the press, though God knows we were all bombarded by give us whatever we wanted them the whole time. There were people chasing us wherever we went, and I kept my mouth shut.

The police obviously knew something had happened because reporters were calling them every day. They just didn't care. To them Angel was a drug-dealing gay immi-grant; a piece of scum. He was also so despised by people on the scene that they took his murder as a minor thing.

When I heard that the girlfriend of Peter Gatien (Disco 2000's owner) had

A CLUB kid who became Michael Alig's lover and later a star disc jockey-recording artiste, "Keoki" recording artiste. reminisces in Hollywood

I met Michael on my first night out in New York City. I wasn't out looking for sex. especially not from another guy, but the only person who approached me that night was Michael Alig.

He convinced me to go home with him. I had had a couple of drinks, so we hopped in a cab. I didn't know where the Bronx was and it turned out to be a \$25 cab ride. I had the money but I didn't know that he had had other plans.

front of his building and said "get out, run". So he grabbed me and we ran, and it was snowing I remember, and we both slipped on the ice and fell. We darted around this corner into the alley, and I remember we just started making out and kissing. That was the night l

I remember once my

about his time on the club kid scene.

He opened the door in met Michael Alig.

Keoki: I'll always love him

brother was visiting me and I came home from work and there was ketchup all over my elevator. I knew this had to be something to do with Michael. I walked into the house and they were both giggling and laughing. They said that someone had got killed in the elevator. They had been watching Blood Feast, which is one of his favourite movies.

Michael for a couple of weeks in early 1996 and when I did he was very incoherent on the phone. I was living in Denver and hearing things, and I really didn't know if I could deal with it. He came to stay with me and would wake up in cold sweats and say "I'm so scared, I'm so scared".

To be quite honest, a year ago I had already been preparing to hear that Michael was dead. I was iust waiting for someone to call me and tell me that Michael had overdosed.

Angel was the terror drug dealer who would come over and party with Michael and give him loads of drugs and then charge him for them or come by with two big, mean Puerto Rican guys to collect his debts.

In his own weird, twisted way Michael's got what he wanted, to be really, really famous: super famous. And no matter what happens to me, whether I end up a hobo or married with four kids. I'll always love him.

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the murder in a phone message from Michael about the body, I realised it was time to come forward. If I didn't I would be aiding and abetting, an accessory to murder.

Soon afterwards I heard from Johnny Melendez, Anget's brother. He'd heard rumours that something had happened to Angel and had been posting flyers around town with a picture of him waring those ridiculous wings. There was a \$4,000 (£2,531) reward. He just sobbed on the phone for a couple of hours, saying he wasn't out for revenge — God would take care of the culprits. He just wanted to know the truth so that he could tell his mother and give his brother a decent burial.

That was the first time that I had ever heard anyone be sad about Angel. In the club scene in New York people die of Aids and go into rehab all the

It wasn't like we were missing him, but now I realised something needed to be done. I called the Village Voice and said something has happened and you need to investigate it. The family needs to know Angel is dead.

I don't know what will happen now. Michael could get the electric chair or he could walk, but if he does I could not be friends with him. I would be so furious that he had pulled a Michael Alig on us all and had got away with murder.

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he richness of Dul-wich Picture Gallery's Old Master collection, housed in Sir John Soane's exquisite building, needs no extra attractions to tempt visitors. But in recent years the gallery has embarked on an adventurous alliance with contemporary artists. Lucian Freud was the first to display his paintings there alongside Rubens. Now Stephen Cox has been invited

to show his sculpture, in a more extensive show in the building and the work is garden as well.

It is a bold initiative for the recently appointed director. Desmond Shawe-Taylor. Plenty of artists would look out of place at Dul-Soane's purged architecture combines with the by Adrian Stokes
Poussins and Rembrandts to in his celebrated essay on The

offer a strongly defined con-text. But Cox is an inspired choice. His work is riddled with references to history, and he shares Poussin's passion for Mediterranean classical art. So the complex layers of meaning in Cox's exhibits take on an additional significance here, as well as showing how modern sculpture can be nourished by surprising links with

Not that he approaches tradition in a slavish manner. Cox first made his reputation, during the 1970s, as a maker of plasterboard reliefs in tune with American Minimalism. Austere yet shimmering, these monumental works could hardly have more abstract, But unlike Carl An-

spiritual dimension. And these fiable, revealing the breadth of his interest in painting, sculp-ture and architecture.

Cox's involvement with the arts were seen in a far more unified way than they are ble. He left England to work there in 1979, and his sculpture changed quickly.

stone, he produced circular reliefs of more modest dimensions. And one in particular, lent to Dulwich by the Tate, proclaimed the full extent of his new infatuation. Its title, We Must

the question asked

Ouattrocento. Cox was enormously excited by the early writings of Stokes, another northern European who succumbed to the art of the Stokes's Agostino di Duccio's 15thcentury carvings in the Malatesta temple at Rimini. Within this extraordinary Renaissance building. Alberti's architecture achieves a potent union with the sinuous relief sculpture on its walls. We Must Always Turn South rejoices in a similar sense of awakening, filling the com-

cent of an ascendant sun. Not all the carvings of early 1980s are so sumptuous.

pact lump of Italian marble



Inspired by catamarans riding a majestic wave, Stephen Cox's spectacular granite sculpture Yatra now sits in the Dulwich Gallery garden, with his Kani in the background

Agostino di Duccio, the use of colour is more restrained to suit its paler inspiration. But the smoothness of the central circle is contrasted with the rougher surface of the stone undulating around its edges. And by 1983 these rippling forms had taken on a flamboyant life of their own.

with a glowing oval reminis-Baroque theatricality began to replace the earlier simplicsensual, too. in Tondo: Sor-In Tondo: Lunar Influences to gente the Peperino stone

swells into plump breasts. And by this time he was also prepared to work on a more dramatic scale. Square, redolent of Bernini's architecture in Rome, fills its wall with aplomb. Cox handles the six travertine slabs like a painter, suffusing them with restrained colour. But he also reveals how they interact with the wall: the vertical white

come part of the piece. Elsewhere in this commanding room, Cox's work explores a new and more tracic mood. Deposition I presents us with tantalising fragments of the biblical scene, all the more mournful for being broken into pieces that can never be fitted together again. But the most harrowing exhibit is Cloaca Maxima, inspired by the brutal butchery of St Sebastian after Diohim with arrows. His body was dismembered before being thrown into the Roman

once melancholy and sensual. The preoccupation with death did not last long. With hindsight, we can see how it prophesied the end of Cox's love affair with Italy. In 1985, when representing Britain at the Indian Triennale, he began to immerse himself in the art of the sub-continent. Fascinated by the fusion of the sexual and the spiritual in so many Indian images he decid-

segments of the saint's limbs

in a whirling formation, at

ed to work there. But the break with Italy was neither sudden nor complete. One of the first works he made. in India. Etruscan, took as its source a medieval palazzo in

Viterbo. There, high up on the nighlights a different part of the human face. The ears,

oil. Its dark stains emphasise the organs with almost religious solemnity, reflecting Cox's sculpture in Indian ritual. subsequent

work, often on a large scale, he further explored how we try to comprethrough the senses. Hinduism influenced him in this enterprise; and the granite group called Organs of Action, posihis most monolithic expression of the theme. The oil-

the opening-up of the rest of the gallery's garden to his

façade, two enlarged eyes gaztrigued Cox. He decided to produce a carving inspired by the organs of the senses. And in Etruscan II, each of the four eces of Black Indian granite

eyes, lips and nose

hend our place in the Universe tioned outdoors at Dulwich, is splashed boulders look thoroughly at home here. And

☐ Arman's current work at Mayor Gallery is probably not altogether different from that which he showed in Paris in 1960. Familiar objects are stacked on top of each other, arranged into two dimen-sional pictorial relation with each other. The method of display, however, seems to carry the notion of the "found" object no further. Display boxes or cabinets have been hastily put together out of sheet metal to make an actual edge or frame for

the aesthetic pile inside.

The best is Ironic Pressing, a line of shirts just back from the laundry in plastic wrappers, hung in a metal box wardrobe" over a heap of irons. Saws cut through the top of another cabinet in a bowing arrangement, while typing paper and collected or accumulated typewriters are displayed in an old-fashioned shop-

Accumulation in Relation, Mayor Gal-lery. 22a Cork Street. London W1 (017)-734 3558), until August Z7

when Evgeny Kissin became

the first performer to give a

full-length solo recital. Alas.

the big event served only to

confirm that the 25-year-old

Kissin, who plays with phe-

nomenal beauty of tone and

possesses one of the most

dazzling pianistic techniques

today, has not developed

from the shallow musical

insights of his prodigy years.

Putting the piano on a raised platform in the middle of the arena made him look

all the more like a circus act.

Lapping up the applause, he trotted up and down like a

toy soldier, and gave in to a demanding faction of the

audience who kept him going

for 40 minutes of encores in a

eltering hall.

ous space framed by trees for

spirituai impulse is found

ture, with its mysterious Mausoin his leum, acts as a sculpture 7 for the 15-ton Inte*rior Spac*e. For this

magisterial piece. with its slit-like opening lead-ing to a dark interior, stems from Cox's visit to the tombs of Apis bulls near the Sakkara pyramids. In recent years, Egypt has become his latest land of

pilgrimage and nourishment. Since his first visit there in 1989 he has worked a great deal with the imperial porphyry, a material once regarded as the exclusive preserve of the conquering Roman Emperor.

his spectacular

More intimate

locations are pro-

vided as well. Soane's architec-

An expedition to the quarry at other carvings is a revelation. This superb setting deserves Mons Porphyrites in the Eastern Mountains of Egypt im-pressed Cox profoundly, and led to a sequence of works to become one of the prime showcases for open-air sculp-ture exhibitions in London, If certainly proves ideal for Cox's larger pieces, offering a gener-

dauntingly hard material.
His love of porphyry is most movingly conveyed inside chamber. But by restricting himself to a few small carv ings, placed modestly round the circular floor, Cox succeeds in enhancing the som-

bre memorial aura. It helped me to understand the spiritual impulse running through all Cox's work. Despite the variety of styles and materials he has adopted, a consistent desire to reach beyond everyday experience towards a heightened consciousunexpected unity. I cannot imagine a contemporary sculptor more suited to the heart of Soane's building, where silence takes on an eloquence of its own.

 Stephen Cor is at Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Rd, London SE21 (0181-693 5254) until

Stephen Elson's strange metallic, riveted globe hangs from the ceiling just inside the door at Avatars. Entwistle's current show. It spins or turns every now and then like a spatial prop from and then like a spatial prop from Bladerunner. Jun Hasegawa's line up of cut-out cartoon figures shows "portraits" of affable and amenable young men smiling as if on their way to the gym. This highly bland painting drops smoothly across the flat surface, and yet Hasegawa across the flat surface, and yet Hasegawa across the flat surface, and yet Hasegawa. across the flat surface, and yet Hasegawa seems caught in a perpetual warp or groove, questioning the extent to which these people might represent anything at all. Paul. Finnegan's distorted photographs show faces elongated and extended by a trick of the lens. Objects are blended into the surface to merge with human ckin which wills and distorts the human skin which pulls and distorts the

Entwistle, & Cork Street Landon WI (017)-734 6440), until Saturday

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AROUND THE **GALLERIES**

☐ Stuart Cumberland's work shifts and changes with a light touch. For Still Things, a show he shares with Phill Allen at the Approach, he has painted good but awkward paintings, and whittled apparently real pencils out of wood in order to provide a series of "under-important" weightless contributions. On the other side of the room, Allen's dodgern cars look heavy, with much cardboard and paint used to embellish the pretence. Here the boy's toy has been reinvented to play a part almost more physical in reality than the initial model. Cumberland's still-life paintings, however, sit completely confi-dent in their own contemporary halfway

The Approach, 1st Floor, 47 Approach Road, London E2 (0181-983 3878), until

Plumbing the piano shallows BBC PROMS

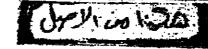
playing the virtuoso Hungarian Rhapsody No 12 with all the freedom of a gypsy performance. The famous Liebestraum was built to a grand climax. But music that goes deeper was more problematic. There was some drama in the first movement of Haydo's Sonata No 52 in E flat, and its Adagio went dreamily, but

ral works by Schubert, sa cred and semilar for a variety of ensembles and voices. He conducted all with conviction. The two more earnest works probably deserve their neglect, but the lovely Stubut: Mater and serene Psilm 23, both receip-sung, were a pleasure to hear there is more to the Presto than the music-box pianism we heard. His Chopin, two Nocturnes and the Sonara No 3, was perfectly balanced Whether out of solidarity with the Promenaders of so show their seriousness the

ny. Raspy brass and characterfal winds are not new in his evening this music, but there were plenty of revelations: this Orchestre was the first performance of Jonathan Del Mar's cleaned Revolution-Romantique and the Month verdi Cheir. His first half consisted of four minor choup version of the text, and the more noticeable corrections were very standing Most of them come in the finale. where the Turkish March went with exhibarating brio. Indeed Cardiner gave the whole movement real propulsion, but was less convencing in the Adagio, which lacked spirituality. Lubs Organisova, Bernards Pink, Gordon Gietz and Bryn Terfel made an excellent

JOHN ALLISON

quarter of soloists.



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CONCERT

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advertise in The P the listings pieces at dellainments train ⁰¹⁷1 481 1983 or faxe

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Full Marx for laughter

Erdman our new Gogol" His Sui-cide made the severe Stanislavsky laugh so much he had to beg the author to stop reading it aloud, "or my heart couldn't have stood the strain". But then Stalin. flipped through the play, his apparatchiks banned it, and, though nobody knows his precise fate, Erdman went the way of Babel, Schwarz and a generation of gifted dramatists. The robust and often hilarious production with which that line Edinburgh company. Communicado. launcies this year's Fringe makes it amply clear what a loss to the theare he was. Gogel's satirio influence is

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surely somewhere behind the tale of Semyon, the unemployed; Muscovite whose last hope, earning mega-roubles by learning to play the initial inevitably collapses. The word gets about that he proposes to kill himself wherethoo an ecceptio coss section of Russians tuchs up in his pokey flat, each asking him to leave behind: a suicide note an nouncing that he is making a mentioning that he is making a me immest belong to reter making gesture considerable of Grimes as the self-styled voice state faction on cause. The of the Soviet postal workers pass importunage is the representation of the workers cause the properties of the prope

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CONCERT

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THE talking of The Rife of Spring was

a positive relief. After such a moving interpretation of Bartok's rarely heard

but balefully asspired Four Pieces, Op 12, and such a tarilling account of

Boulez's Notations I-IV, an authent

concert (sponsored by Scottish &

It was not a bad performance of The

Rite of Spring — Pierre Boulez is surely incapable of delivering any such thing

- and for the Gustav Mahler-Youth

Orchestra, which will be performing

the work no fewer than six times on its

present tour of the top European

festivals (including the BBC Proms tonight), it was surely a technical

revelation: But, at the end of an

eventful concert, the feeling was that

Boulez has conducted it at least once

too often. While his attention to details

of rhythm and colour was as precise as ever, he seemed unable or unwilling to

summon the energy required to invest

it with the savagery commonly but not inappropriately associated with it.

Newcastle) of a busy festival.



THEATRE

play has sharp things to say about censorship, bureaucracy, corruption and the failure of socialism to bring ordinary people "a quiet life and a decent income". Its cheekiest and, in retrospect, most dangerous moments come when Conleth Hill's Semyon drunkenly phones the Kremlin to tell "the man at the top" he no longer believes in Marx; but the funniest belong to Peter

in swaling the sleeping con- about an oversexed neighscience of society.

State of society about an overseted neighbour, he signs himself "35,000 bout the play was stated for postaten", earnestly explainment in 1822, when United that this is his pen name, cle locs massive rump was Grimes had me in stirches, but then so did Hill's Semyon, ladeed it is sufficient that then so did Hill's Semyon, with his baffled face, crampled shoulders and manic desperation. The scene in which he



Sons and mothers: Benedick Bates as Lucas and Linda Marlowe as Reb in The Cub

five, no ten, no 20") out-Ayckbourns Ayckbourn both in the laughter it generates and in the darkness behind it. I doubt if anything in Edinburgh this year will match Erdman and his current director, Gerry Mulgrew, for

quirky inventiveness. Steph-

keeps trying and failing to anie McKnight's The Cub shoot himself (I'll count to doesn't begin to do so, despite doesn't begin to do so, despite an opening in which a sinister, bestockinged figure breaks into a kitchen, eats some pudding, threatens the householder with a knife - and is then revealed as her son. What then occurs is an incestuous encounter between Linda Marlowe as the half-unwilling

mum ("there are other kinds of love, Lucas, love of mankind") and her wild, wayward boy. But the complications that follow lack plausibility, depth, interest or, as far as I could see, point. By Traverse standards, a flimsy piece.

BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

FRINGE COMEDY

Who's the joker?

NOT content with saturating the Pringe with comedy, the comedians are taking over the theatre. Irish stand-up Ed Byrne prefaces his solo show with The Act (Gilded Ballroom). Written with and co-starring Brendan Burns. The Act follows two comedians sharing a flat during the Fringe. The play kicks off like a tired lager, spliff and flatmate-scum sitcom, but as the pair's careers diverge it begins to examine the

burns is lascinating as the raucous Aussie agitator choosing between success and integrity, but Byrne is less convincing as the anodyne Perrier nominee Edward Byron. His characterisation takes on a disturbing slant when seen in tandem with his stand-up show, Psychobabble. In The Act, the fictional Edward Byron appears in an outsized suit doing "Kids' TV is all about drugs/Women - I don't understand them!" material. In Psychobabble the real Ed Byrne likewise appears in an outsized suit. One performance is an ironic attack on crowd-pleasing commercialism, the

stand-up set is very funny. He applies Freud to his life, and uses his life experiences to rubbish psychoanalysis.

Oedipus, Jocasta and Co all get short shrift, and his segues into film and

really experimental pitch. He is delimisanthropic; his tragedy is that the audience never quite keeps up with his intertextual contortions. Cus tomers for King Dong vs Moby Dick (Pleasance) are handed a copy of Melville's novel on arrival. Lee runs the hour like a sardonic seminar tutor, and an apparent jumble of often lowkey material is teased into a surprisingly satisfying dénouement. Central to Herring's Excavating

HETTIE JUDAH

Today's events at the Edinburgh International Festival moude the Royal Opera's concent version of the original 1947 version of Verdi's Macbeth, with Ammony Microsets Moore in the fille role (Southeagh Freshool; Isonight Finday and Suturday, 7.15ptfy

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Also, the Staumpa Caserial performs of

Certie (girl to this register).

Also, the Strampa Querial performs at the Queen's Hall (11am), and the points! Andras Schill jons the Budapest Feathval Orehestra in its Feathval debut at the Ucher Hall (bym).

Feathval box office (0131-473 2000) Alternatively, Divine Comedy and Michael Namen launch the first FU tella Cake (0131-557 8969/226 5138) Featured acts at FLUX include or and laze Jama Fringe events include Red Shift

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and Stanley Townsend in this exceptionally referesting drama about hendship, unspoken resentment and a atmost all-write pounting. Whost all-write pounting. Whost (171-369 1736), Mon-Sai, &pric.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillan Maxey

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LONDON BBC PROMS At 7pm Pietre Boulez conducto me Guetav Mahler Youth Orchestra in Rases site Tombeau de Coupern and Stravnsky's The Rice of Spring Boulds's own Notations I-Ward mirrored by Bartók sirarety heard Four Pieces At 18pm, John Lubbook

Twyla Tharp presents three dance pieces at Edinburgh

conducts the Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square in the British premiere of Lou Hernson's new Fast Soute for Strings and Barber's Adagin for Strings Roll Hand joins the crohestra for the world premiere of Stephen Mantague's Concerto for piano and dichestra, and Thomas Ades tokes pari in Coki. McPhee's Toccall for No pienos and orchestre, Tabuh-labuhan Albert Half, Kensington Gore, SV/7 (0171-589 8212) (5)

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ELSEWHERE CUILDFORD: Dora Bryan Tweggy Lawson, Belinda Lang and Steve Packy ster in Noel Coward's trolescente face. 98thie Spirit Tim Lucombe desetts Yvenne Arnaud, Millorook, (01483 440000), Tonight-Thurs, 7 45pm, Fr. and Ser. Born, mate Thurs, and Sal. 2 30pm Unit August 16

STRATFORD The annual RSC Pringe Feethral provides an opportunity for the Royal Shakespeare Company to experiment with new writing and adaptations and to rewart established classes. Highlights include Susannah for 's new arting workchop a rewart of Shakespeare's lost Edmund konside bargetarest theatic and rearrode indonessin shadow purpolis.

LONDON GALLERIES

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AN IDEAL HUSBAND Return of I JAN IDHAL HUSBAND HERUM of Peter Half s emplyable production, brinkli of deceptions. Staming Martin Shaw and Semon Ward, and Kete C'Mera as the sueve troublemaker. Royal, Haymander SW1 (0171-930. 8800). Mon-Sat, 7-45pm, mats Thurs. 3pm, Sat, 4pm Umil October 11.

☐ KISS ME KATE: The New LI NISO ME NATE 1 PR New Shakespeare Company brush up their Shakespeare in Cole Porter's with, tune-packed musical. Ian Talbot directs Louse Gold, Issy van Randwyck and Andrew C. Wadsworth

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ROSEANNA'S GRAVE (12) Flomento comedy set in Italy, with dark touches

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3pm, Sat, 4,30pm

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆)

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finesi drama. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616) Tonighi, 7 30pm in rep. THE WOOD DEMON: Good actors □ a received to Debron Good actors in a generally diseponding revival of Chekhov's first version of Unicle Varya. Playhouse. Northumberland Avenue. WC2 (0171-839 4401). Mon-Sal. 7 30pm; mat Sat, 2 30pm. Until October 11.

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CINEMA GUIDE

☐ THE SEAGULL. After its national tour, Stephen Unren's production armies in London Cheryl Campbell plays. Arkadria, Joenna Roth is Nina.

Dommar Warehouse, Earthern Street, WC2 (0171 389 1732). Prenews tonight and temperature. Brow. Cherce, Aurest 14.

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SKYLIGHT: Bill Nighty and Stella Gonet in David Hare's withy and cogent

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Apart from the suddenly induced

intensity in the middle of the Menuet

and an interesting treatment of the

central section of the Rigaudon, Le

Tombeau de Couperin was disappoint-

ing too. Indeed, in comparison with

what he did with the Bartok, Boulez

made Ravel sound almost trivial.

in the Four Pieces, particularly in the Prelude, but the streetwise violence of the Scherzo, the sense of loss in the cally shattering Rite of Spring would fumbled slightly) and the despair of the have been too much for the opening Marria functors were so precisely projected as to hit on every nerve. The extraordinary thing about this is that the same kind of feeling was communicated by the first of Boulez's own Notations. Orchestral reworkings of piano pieces he wrote more than 50 ences the composer was assimilating at

years ago, they clearly reveal the Messiaen and the Stravinsky influthe time: the last in this particular selection sounded like a simultaneous compression of Turangalila and The Rite of Spring, But, under the composer's direction, the young musicians discovered more than the mere externals, distractingly and dazzlingly brilliant in sound though they are. The audience was, at this point, ecstatic.

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Anatole Kaletsky says shares and sterling can defy gravity

well known principle of terrestrial physics is often invoked by exasperated businessmen and central bankers praying for the end of an unwelcome currency trend, such as the recent advance of sterling. It is also a favourite of frustrated investors trying to predict the collapse of some great bull market on which they have missed out.

Accordingly, the phrase was on many lips in the City last Friday as two of the most powerful and misinterpreted financial trends of the decade - the great bull market on Wall Street and the recent surge of the pound - seemed suddenly to go into reverse.

Many of the financiers, policymakers and businessmen who had been wrongfooted by both these powerful financial moves must have spent the weekend in joyful contemplation of the laws of financial gravity as they watched the pound fall by ten plennigs and the Dow Jones industrial average tumble by 150 points on Friday night. But their relief was short-lived. By yesterday afternoon both the pound and the global stock markets seemed to forget about gravity.

Both seemed to hit a plateau, showing no inclination to Long-term continue their detrends are scent back to earth. It is, of course, more likely impossible to conto continue clude much from a single day's trading than to in financial markets. But one lesson, . go into which laymen often

reverse forget to their great cost, can be drawn: there is no such thing as now is that they are about to financial gravity; in these markets what goes up does not necessarily come down.

Experience, in fact, suggests that long-running trends in financial markets are much more likely to continue than to

It is therefore with caution and humility that anyone should defy the kind of powerful trends seen in the global stock market and the British foreign exchanges in the past

Even Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board and unquestionably the world's most powerful financier, was reminded of his impotence against financial momentum last December, when he warned that the bull market on Wall Street was driven by "irrational exuberance" and predicted that global share prices might soon go into reverse. Since his speech, shares have advanced by a further 25 per cent.

The intriguing question we face in Britain is whether the Bank of England will prove any more accurate than Mr Greenspan in its suggestion last Thursday that the upward trend in sterling is about to go

My hunch, for what it is worth, is that Mr Greenspan may finally be vindicated, but the Bank, to the chagrin of British manufacturers and exporters, is likely to be proved market in shares may be about to suffer a serious setback, but the powerful advarice of sterling is not yet over vance of sterling is not yet over and last week's sharp decline unfortunately still points up.

hat goes up must is more likely to create the come down. This conditions for another big upward thrust than to presage a return to the days of the cheap pound. The reasons for expecting a

big fall in share prices have widely discussed by many market commentators for the past three years — plenty of analysts have, in fact, been predicting a crash from almost the day the bull market started in January 1995. Until recently, however, bearish factors such as very low divi-dends and high share valuations have been far outweighed by the excellent prospects for company profits. inflation and economic growth. But with the world economic recovery, maturing shares no longer seem as cheap as they clearly were in 1995 and 1996. In addition, investors seem to have gradually forgotten the fears of recession, inflation and financial crisis that have haunted them since the present phase of the bull market began.

Ironically, Mr Greenspan's own conversion two weeks ago to the view the bull market may, after all, be justified by basic improvements in the long-term efficiency of our

economy" has been one of the forces pushing sentiment on Street across the invisible boundary soundly between based confidence and dangerous complacency.

stock markets have been happily climbing what traders the wall of

worry". The danger start sliding down "the slope of hope". When investors are worried, share prices move higher every time something happens to offer them reassurance or new hope. But when markets are over hopeful, any disappointment can trigger a

The conditions in the sterling exchanges are a mirror image of those on Wall Street. Fundamental economic conditions remain extremely bullish for the pound: the world's highest interest rates, rapid growth, a still-strong balance of payments and an independent central bank determined to prove its mettle. Yet almost all of the players in the foreign exchange market remain deeply sceptical. Politicians talk privately of seeing the pound down to DM2.50. The Bank might not go so far, but makes no secret of its desire for a weaker pound. Industri-alists and investors describe the exchange rate as uncompetitive and overvalued. Yet Britain's trade remains in balance and many exporting companies remain profitable. albeit less so than they were a

Eventually the strong pound will probably hit exporters and may even cause a recession or a balance of payments crisis. But until there is clear evidence of such problems, the market is likely to stick to what it knows how to do best: it will climb a wall of worry and follow the trend. And in the We are morbidly fascinated by grisly entertainment — but most of us couldn't cope with a nosebleed

Peering round the A when historians portray the closing years of our millennium, I hope they do not get us wrong. To assist any highly evolved descendant of mine who may be downloading this in a virtual library door of the morgue (or, possibly, digging with spade-like hands in a radioactive rubbish tip) I would like to mention one curious thing. I would like historians to know

ribly in 1989. The report never entered the public domain because nobody was ever brought to trial. Mrs Phelps has waited five years to

bring the case because she didn't want her other children to know the detail of their sister's death. She says: This is something that's got to be done ... we lost our precious pride and joy and then that woman writes a book and sits down on TV smiling as if she's done something big."

The case may fizzle out: the Phelps family live in a trailer and Patricia Comwell is very rich. Even without that, the American courts might well decide that novelists are chronic jackdaws and can't be stopped from pinching bits of real life. Perhaps the defence will proudly argue that there was no borrowing, claiming that Ms Comwell has just as depraved an imagination as any sadistic sex murderer and is therefore quite capable of making up disgusting mutilations all by herself.

But I am glad of the case, if only because it forces upon the rest of us the contrast between the glitz of the crime-thriller and the unglamorous misery of real murder. It also underlines how morbidly explicit books have become about physical cruelty. Our modish worries about films and videos tend to obscure the fact that the books got there first: whether posing as literature in the school of Will Self, or merely as light reading for the beach, authors have steadily pushed back the frontiers of acceptable indecency and gloried in it. "Powerful and harrowing," say the

"Not for the squeamish ... grisly authenticity ... the true sights, sounds and smells of the morgue."

Sometimes (notably on novels by our new peeress, Ruth Rendell) the hucksterish tour-guide promises to take us "inside the mind of a psychopath", as if that were generally accepted as a fun place to be. Then when fiction fails, there is always another book about Fred West, Dennis Nilsen, Jeffrey Dahmer or some other inadequate creep who

campaign is invigorated by the fact

that every squeich and scream really happened. Wow! In blacker moments, I take this prevailing necrophilia as a sign of decadence: deeper than Nero's amphitheatre saw, because at least the Romans turned up in person to sit on hard stone benches as the day's entertainment was eaten by lions. They did not expect the intimate details of fellow-humans' deaths to be brought direct to their sun-lounger. But since the sun is shining, let us find a kinder explanation: maybe we

because we have gone suddenly soft in the past half century, and we know it and are embarrassed.

Maybe all this stoff about Y-shaped incisions and glistening entrails is our way of reproving ourselves for having become the sort of people who not only can't wring a chicken's neck, but panic if required to "draw" one. Remember that job? I saw my mother do it every Sunday morning with the aid of a large sherry; it must now be as arcane a skill as well-dressing. Nor are most men any braver: go to any seaside pier where children fish and you will see white-faced Daddies wincing and whimpering as they try to disguise. the fact that they have not the faintest

idea how to gut a mackerel.

Maybe all the prevailing violence
and machismo of popular culture
appeals only because we have grown so wet in real life. It has been a rapid ents faced danger at the Front and privation and improvisation at home. Fifty years on, the British way is to worry incessantly about our food, go to law for trauma and distress when we survive a disaster — or even witness one to fret if our life expectancy drops from 78.3 years to 76.2, and need to be told nightly by TV Nanny to come in out of the not sun after 35 perilous minutes. Our public swimming pools — once-bracing — are heated to soup-like temperatures, and our houses sealed

from winter air with such efficiency

epidemic. We agonise endlessly in print and on confessional TV about such new-fangled forms of affliction as low self-esteem, shortage of sexual bliss, and (currently fashionable) the "pain" having a baby of the gender you didn't happen to want.

I am sure the two things go

together: an ever less realistic way of life and a hunger for depictions of danger and death and extreme hardship. I was in the BBC Tele-vision Centre canteen during Sir Ranulph Fiennes's first famous polar walk, and my companion kept grumbling that these expeditions had got too easy with modern aids. He was quite put out when I reminded him that ien minutes earlier he had rejected the option of walking down to Shepherds Bush for lunch on the grounds that the pavement was lethally icy. It is the same with war: the wartime generation produced films and books about war which were restrained, understated, and focused more on human values and idealism than on bloody detail. Modern audiences — who panic at a nosebleed if it happens to be their nose — demand a steady diet of tornoff limbs and incinerated faces.

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r again, look around the lobby of your local multiscreen cinema. Crowds of shuffling, dough-faced adolescent boys in trainers are queueing to see an action movie full of cops running down killers or Marines plunging through sheets of blood. Meanwhile, box-office leatlets and screen commercials woo them with increasingly desperate recruiting messages from the Armed Services. The ranks cannot be filled because the doughfaced teenagers either don't fancy the discipline or else fail the basic fitness

And no, I have not the faintest idea what the answer is. I just wanted that eggheaded historian of AD2997 to know that even at the time, some of us

Parliamentarian at bay

Magnus Linklater

that in this summer of 1997, whenev-

er a group of English-speaking readers was laid out in the sun with

paperback fiction balanced on its

chests, at least one of them would be

In our case, there were three of us,

on a boat. One said: "Yuk! Did you

know they make a Y-shaped inci-

sion?", to which the second replied:

"Yes. I know, and they have water running down the table all the time."

The third (me, actually) said: "That's

funny, only two pages ago Commissario Guido Brunetti of the

Venice Police was in the autopsy room at San Michele. He's out now,

thank God, and eating some beauti-

Then we all sank back happily into

our airport thrillers. But it rang a bell

when I heard that in Richmond,

Virginia, Patricia Cornwell is being

sued. Ms Cornwell is a crime writer.

who has won lavish praise and sales

for her meticulous autopsy-room

details; she is known to hang out with

pathologists and "assist" at post-mortems. Publicity photographs sometimes show her in goggles, peering knowledgeably at nasty jars. But this time, according to the

family of a murder victim, the author

a real autopsy report for her novel All

That Remains. Mrs Jewel Phelps, the

mother of a murdered teenage girl, says it was clear that the detail of the

fictional victim's torture - eyeballs,

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Lothian question

t is hard to imagine six words more inappropriate to that great campaigner, Tam Dalyell. MP: "He can't say what he likes." They were uttered this week end by the secretary of Mr Dalyell's constituency party in Linlithgow, and they signalled the start of a process which could result in his deselection. Mr Dalyell's unswerving opposition to devolution in Scotland, and his refusal to keep quiet on the subject have finally become too much for some local officials - they want him out. Thus, if events take their course, the 35-year parliamentary career of the most formidable backbencher in the present House of Commons may be nearing its end. Mr Dalyell himself concedes as much. There is every chance I will be deselected," he says. I regard it as a fact of life. People who have very strong views in politics, which are not shared, have to

But has it really come to this? That an MP with strong and undeviating views on one of the great constitutional issues of the day can be voted out by a local clique because they happen not to accord with government policy? A House of Commons without Tam Dalyell seems inconceivable. This, after all, is not just any backbencher. This is the man who torpedoed Margaret Thatcher over the Belgrano, campaigned relentlessly over the Westland affair, predicted the ecological disasters of the Gulf War, sought doggedly to expose the truth about Lockerbie, and has got up the noses of more Tory ministers in the course of a fearless career than the entire present Cabinet. One might have imagined that his

face the consequences."

achievements on behalf of his party. together with a reputation for unimpeachable integrity, and an ability, as one admirer put it, "to smell a really good rat" would summon the Labour leadership to his defence. After all, the National Executive has not sitated to intervene in local constituency affairs (witness Paisley and the Gordon McMaster affair).
Tony Blair has made it clear that

there is no gagging order on MPs who wish to express individual points of view, and must surely therefore defend to the hilt Mr Dalyell's right to speak out. So far, however, the silence from on high has been dealening. There have been no robust offers of support from the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, no honeyed words from the Minister

without Portfolio, Peter Mandelson. Of course, Mr Dalyell, who rarely fails to tread on a protruding foot if he comes across one, has not helped his cause by attacking Mr Mandelson personally. He described the minister's view that devolution would strengthen Scotland's role in the UK as follows: "If Peter Mandelson is going to play a leading role in the devolution campaign, then he should not say such silly things." This remark was not best calculated to win

the minister's unstinting support.

And yet the Dalyell cause is surely an ideal one for the party to embrace. By standing up for his right to disagree, it would demonstrate at a stroke that it is the party of the individual, rather than the thought police. It would show to the public at

large that it is confident enough to allow principled dissent, however inconvenient, and it would, in backing Mr Daiyell, be supporting a noble cause — he has, after all, acquired the status by now of National Treasure

The Linlithgow party will argue

that it cannot tolerate an MP who threatens to undermine its campaign to secure a "yes, yes" vote in the forthcoming referendum. Some of its members claim that Mr Dalyell has gorie back on his word not to speak out against devolution and have come as close as they can to accusing him of deceit. That suggestion, of course, has been like a red rag to the Dalyell buil. He says that at his selection conference two years ago he undertook to confine his objections to

on any forthcoming Scotland Act, and that he would not form a Labour "Vote No" campaign — as he did with Robin Cook in 1979. But that undertaking was given before he learnt that the referendum would be held only on a White Paper, thus pre-empting the debate. As recently as May, he claims, Mr Blair promised that the Bill would precede the referendum.

The White Paper changed all that. He has therefore let it be known that he will speak up if asked. Today he goes to talk to the computer firm Hewlett Packard. He has agreed to take part in a forthcoming debate with pro-devolutionists. In his own words, it is a case of "have speech will travel". This all seems thoroughly healthy. If the debate on a Scottish parliament is to be a real, rather than a cosmetic, exercise, then it needs intelligent and thought-provoking discussions of the kind Mr Dalyell can guarantee. The party that feels it cannot tolerate this level of argument diminishes itself as much as it does the principle of free expression.

party organisation representing anyway? Not, I would guess, the constituents themselves. Mr Dalyell's views are not exactly new. Indeed, it is nearly two decades since he first propounded the West Lothian question - the most famous issue in the whole devolution debate. At each subsequent election the voters of the two constituencies he has represented - West Lothian and Linlithgow have returned him with thumping majorities. The fact is that apart from his national reputation, he also happens to be an able, hard-working and extremely popular constituency MP. There is no mechanism in such matters for taking the views of the ordinary voter into consideration.

But I have a shrewd idea whom they would support if offered the chance. So perhaps the local party should go back to its grass roots and think again. After all, it would be tronic if the answer to the West Lothian Question were finally given - by sacking the man who first asked it.

Taxing times

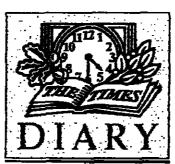
announced plans to crack down on driving round town in an untaxed car. Mandelson has an L-reg dark green Rover for his own personal use, which he bought in his Hartlepool constituency. The tax disc displayed in the front window expired at the end of July.



Mandelson is naturally a busy man, sweeping up in the absence of the Prime Minister. Just last week. however, Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, stood guard over the crushing of a white Ford Sierra to show what would happen to untaxed cars in future. Honest motorists are fed up with carrying the bill for the hard core who continually evade paying their



Mandelson and his expired car tax disc send for the crusher



road tax." she said. From August 18, untaxed cars such as Mandelson's will be clamped. towed, sold or crushed in order to recoup the £175 million lost to the Treasury by dodgers.

Over at the Minister without Car Tax's Downing Street office, his assistant, Benjamin Wegg-Prosser, said: "If it has expired, I'm sure it will be renewed immediately."

The next time Mandelson steps into his car, however, he should remind himself of the posters which his Government will be pasting up across the land. They show a crushed car with the words: "Do you feel locky, Dodger?"

Quiet guns DESPITE the recent shooting boom, since the discovery of the

"Grouse Moor babes", today promises to be a quiet Glorious Twelfth. An early spring caused the grouse to breed too soon and subsequent bad weather has seen off many of

"Almost no one will be shooting tomorrow," said a despondent Brit-ish Field Sports Society press of-ficer. "The dreadful weather is the culprit." Over at the British Association for Shooting and Conservation the guns were still firmly in their cases. "It's not only the wea-ther, but a tick," said a spokesman. "It lives on sheep and is transmit-ting the louping-ill virus to the grouse chicks."

Gerald Turton, however, father "grouse-babes" Natasha and Topsy Turton, and owner of a moor at Roxby, North Yorkshire, is circumspect about the news. "We have this debate every year. I think it is likely that there will be some late broods."

Clocking off

WHEN John Major became Prime Minister, he ordered all ticking and chiming clocks to be removed from his private quarters on the top floor of No 10. This insight into the Major mind comes in a piece in the latest Ministry of Defence newsletter. Focus, by Clive Osborne, whose

firm A.A. Osborne & Son (Est. 1615) is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all of Whitehall's clocks. It fits in with the other pointers we have had to Major's obsessiveness: his fear of going grey, his fanatical personal grooming.

"Mr Major didn't like the sound of clocks striking, so had no mechanical pieces in his private flat," says Osborne. "With the new chappy they've gone back again."

• South Africa's film industry is preparing for the arrival of the



"I'm concerned that no one

crew of Mambo, a film about elephants to be produced by Dodi Fayed. Filming will begin soon at Shamwari Game Reserve, in South Africa's Eastern Cape. It is hoped that the entire \$60 million cost of the film will be stumped up from Al Fayed coffers because it touches on the evils of landmines, a special interest of his friend Diana. Princess

Flow blow

FLASH floods in east Devon have struck the home of Angela Browning, Conservative MP for Tiverton and Honiton and member of the Shadow frontbench education team. On Thursday night, when Mrs Browning heard the rush of water into her house, she came to the top of her stairs and shone a torch into the power-cut gloom There, floating by the banister, were three volumes of the Dearing Report on Higher Education.

"I was hoping to read it in the recess," says Mrs Browning, who has had to order another copy."

"Lots of my personal things have gone and the insurance company.

to live in.

Not that Mrs Browning and the folk of east. Devon are quitters.

PILS

There is a good wartime spirit down here, she says.

Wild boys

WITH the Ashes secured, the Australian cricket team opted for a low-key celebration in Nottingham on Sinday night, in contrast with the beery affair which followed their success at Headingley.

On that occasion, the Australian

captain Mark Taylor and his boys were joined at the bar of the Holiday Inn. Leeds, by fellow visiting Antipodeans, the Camberra Raid-

ers rugby league team.
The free flowing beer and testosteronic led to primitive contests of breae strength and scrummaging. bizarre drinking competitions and impromptu displays of topless wrestling At one point, Taylor was cash tacked by several playful Raiders, turned upside down and shaken so violently he was moved

to retreat from the bar and escape with his wife for supper. There was some boisterous good humber in the celebrations, but no complaints," said the hotel's deputy manager. Gordon are going to have to put us up for Demissions. If anything the othseveral weeks before the house is fit or guests were amused by the
to live in.

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A BALANCE OF RIGHTS

The register should be a tripwire, not a branding-iron.

The proposed national register of sex offenders could make a contribution to preventing some sexual offences. But, as the Home Office Minister Alun Michael has wisely made clear, its influence for good or ill should not be overstated. The horrific nature of many sexual crimes has made it difficult to conduct a rational debate. Arguments about probabilities and principles inevitably sound unleeling to those whose families have been devastated. Civil libertarians, probation officers and parents should all recognise that the register is a tool of crime prevention, not an engine of retribution. It is meant to be a tripwire, not a branding-iron.

No register of sex offenders can hope to be comprehensive. It will be years before any register comes close. Inclusion on the register is very far from being a guarantee that an individual will not reoffend. Nevertheless, the register can go some way to providing practical reassurance. By providing local police and schoolteachers with information that will make it more difficult for the compulsive paedophile to insinuate himself into the company of children, a measure of protection, albeit limited, is provided. Local agencies will be encouraged to review how to limit the risk to the vulnerable.

Libertarians oppose the plan on princioled grounds. Some libertarian objections still require an answer. Why should a crime which only merits a caution be sufficient to ensure inclusion on the register? Why should gross indecency, the committing of acts in public which are better restricted to the bedroom, be bracketed with offences which do not involve consent? There are other objections, worth rehearsing, to which an answer can be offered. Why should one group of offenders continue to bear a stigma and endure new restraints, after they have served their sentence, simply because of the nature of their crime? Why not warn a community if a repeat burglar is to be released in their midst, or require a persistent pickpocket to register his movements with the police? The argument has

evidence of paedophile conduct. Most crimmal activity is committed by young males, and with age comes, if not penitence, then at least more settled habits. Paedophile behaviour tends, however, to be different. It is often compulsive and obsessive, closer to an addiction than most crime, which is opportunist. Social pressure and moral restraint are often flimsy safeguards against behaviour which the paedophile himself may, on occasion, abhor but often cannot control. The extra professional vigilance and restriction on liberty which the register would create can be justified by the inability of many paedophiles to police their desires or make genuinely free choices. But it must not be forgotten that exceptions are being made and freedoms curtailed. In such circumstances the right to appeal against inclusion, and to review if there is reason to believe a change is appropriate, has to be rigorously

There are other objections to the register, less worthy of weighing by ministers. Elements in the Probation Service and police will argue that this new responsibility requires new resources. They should recognise that a preventive measure like the register should save the authorities time and money, by decreasing the number of offences committed, and be grateful for the generous funding they still enjoy.

Some parents are frustrated that information on the register will be restricted to professionals and they will be denied access to the identities of potential offenders in their community. Such fears are understandable, particularly from those whose children have suffered the loss of innocence, or worse. It would, however, be an invitation to lynch law to broadcast the names of potential offenders indiscriminately. There has to be room for individuals to reform if they can, although penitence should be tempered with vigilance. In operating this register it is hugely difficult to strike the right balance between protecting children, and liberties, but the Government seems to have chosen a some moral force, but ignores the practical properly modest, and moderate, position.

DEMOCRATIC DEFICIT

The torrid politics behind Asia's turbulent currencies

A stiff course of house-training lies ahead for Asia's younger figers. Since Thailand was driven to let the baht float - or, more accurately, sink - last month, greater realism has abruptly begun to temper the almost mystical faith of international investors in the management of the region's economies. Almost every Asian stock market and currency has been touched by the contagion of sharply diminished confidence.

The initial reaction of Asian leaders, led by Malaysia's Mahathir Mohamad, was to throw a tantrum about the foreign "rogues, robbers and brigands" conspiring to deprive Asia of its aura of soaraway success. Asean's foreign ministers even issued a statement condemning currency speculators for destabilising their currencies for their own "selfserving purposes". This display of political arrogance and economic illiteracy merely sharpened scepticism. And now that the Thai Government, which has been forced to come clean about its affairs since it applied to the International Monetary Fund for a \$15 billion rescue package, has revealed the scale of the mess in its financial sector, the thetoric has become somewhat more sober.

The run on Asian currencies has been triggered by some bad luck, but a lot of bad management. The bad luck was the rapid rise in the dollar, to which most Asian currencies have been rigidly and unwisely pegged. The bad management has not been limited to these governments' reluctance to listen to IMF advice to take remedial action by loosening their links to the dollar. tightening budgets and curbing speculation in Asia's saturated property markets.

The trouble is not only that after ten years of annual growth of 8 per cent and up, Asian governments seem to have forgotten how to use the brakes when the engine overheats. They have been culpably reluctant to tackle

the evils of crony capitalism, insider dealing and lax financial regulation. One reason is that far too many Asian politicians are in the money-spinning game up to their Rolexes. No country, Madeleine Albright told last

month's Asean summit, can run a worldlasseconomy without a p financial services sector. This lack, acute in Thailand, is common to most other Asian economic tigers and is directly linked to the dark side of state intervention - an interplay between politics and money so intimate that in Indonesia, for example, "informal" expenses such as licence-buying and straight bribes account for up to 15 per cent of the capital costs of new investment.

Thai politicians routinely buy votes and make back the money, with interest, in office. Last week, when the Government finally let 58 of the country's 91 suspect financial institutions go to the wall, it revealed that it had already spent nearly £10 billion propping them up. Among their biggest shareholders, the Government admits, are a lot of "familiar names". Action last January, when the Thai property bubble began to burst, would probably have averted today's crisis; but that would have been uncomfortably soon after the ruling coalition had spent £600 million on voters in last November's parliamentary elections.

A new constitution for Thailand could start to curb these abuses. Most of its neighbours also need to improve their political accountability. For a decade at least, global risk analysts have tended to shrug off pertinent questions about rigged property markets, dodgy financial practices and unhealthily close links between politics and business with soothing murmurs about the "sound fundamentals" of Asia's boom economies. They may take a sharper look after this. For Asians, that is nothing but good news.

CREATURES SMALL AND GREAT

Modern man is fascinated by once-and-future species

Should Steven Spielberg be digging for inspiration, the Australian Outback would provide a fertile site. In the remote northwestern regions of Queensland, Professor Mike Archer has unearthed the remains of vast and voracious prehistoric beasts. among them the "Fangaroo", a razorincisored ancestor of our milder-mannered Skippy, and an arboreal crocodile which lurked lethally in trees. Meanwhile, near Alice Springs, the elephantine skeleton of an ancient bird 12 feet tall is just the latest archaeological sensation and an incubus for

suburban bird-tables. We are fascinated by our Brobdingnagian forebears. That which could dwarf or devour us has a mesmerising power. In London's Natural History Museum, more visitors gather to gape at the dinosaurs than at any other exhibit. Reconstructed skeletons and life-size models of prehistoric monsters represent a journey through time and space as evocative as any intergalactic voyage.

Jonathan Swift understood this allure. But he was as interested in Liliputian life as he was in the giant's world. Today it is in the microcosmos that many of the most inspiring discoveries are made. The dedication of scientists, devoting years of their lives to ! It continues into the future.

intricate study in specialised fields, combines with technological advances to bring to public attention the forgotten and fabulous creatures that have made their homes in the remotest niches of the natural world.

The film Microcosmos documents a day in the grass-roots of a Pyrenean meadow. It unfolds a world of wonder. Few will forget such sequences as that of a creature, more bizarre than any sci-fi spook, rising slowly from glossy waters, towering stilted on needle legs. The setting sun burnishes a freakishly antennaed head. And it is only when this unearthly apparition suddenly spreads its wings with a familiar whine, that audiences recognise it as a mosquito.

For those prepared to search, the familiar world is crammed with wonders, from the ultraviolet iridescence on a starling's breast to magnetic particles in the abdomens of bees which aid navigatation. Such details bring fresh awe at the beauty, complexity and ingenuity of nature. Beyond the reach of the naked eye new marvels are unveiled: worms which feed on frozen methane in Pacific depths; bacteria which survive submerged in the geological strata. The search for exotic species does not lie simply in the past.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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British policy in Northern Ireland

From Mr William Bell

Sir, Michael Gove (Between a rock and a hard place", August 7) is wrong to argue that the Northern Ireland policy of successive British Governments has been to bring two irreconcilable parties together through negotiations which will then produce some common ground by which a settlement will be reached.

In reality, British Government policy has been to remove Northern Ireland from the United Kingdom, moving at a pace determined by the relative political strength of the Unionist majority at any given time. Why else would the Sunningdale agreement of 1973 have allowed for the establishment of a Council of Ire-land, giving the Republic of Ireland a say in the affairs of a part of sovereign UK territory? Why else does the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985 allow for a Maryfield secretariat, staffed by Southern civil servants, to operate in Belfast and service the consultative role given to the Irish Government in Northern Ireland's affairs?

The proposed all-party talks scheduled for September are not the main game in town; that is being enacted in the current negotiations between the British Government and Sinn Fein! IRA. The Unionist community, as recent history suggests, should be wary of present government policy, lest they too find themselves between a rock and a hard place.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM BELL, 16 Carnview Park, Ballymena, Co Antrim.

From Mr H. Douglas Miller

Sir, Michael Gove's article on the futility of Ulster peace negotiations, however realistic, fails to suggest a constructive answer to the perennial Irish problem.

Mere cosmetic tinkering with an internal settlement for Northern Ireland does not address the overall Irish dimension and will therefore permanently solve nothing. Indeed Gerry Adams has reaffirmed yet again, in talks with Mo Mowlam (report, August 7) that Sinn Fein's first demand in the forthcoming multiparty talks would be a united Ireland. If reunification is ever to be attractive to the North, Dublin simply must produce a new, liberal constitution for the 21st century, encompassing a Bill of Rights and all the guarantees and concessions which Unionists could reasonably expect, including dual nationality. If such were the case, Britain could withdraw with dignity

would be satisfied on all sides. So, the onus remains where it has always lain, on the Republic. Dublin should act immediately. Mary Robinson could, on her retirement next month, use her talents as a constitutional lawyer to chair an ad hoc constitutional commission. It is not too late, even now, for the year 2000 to be the target date for an Irish New Deal.

and a clear conscience and honour

Yours faithfully, H. DOUGLAS MILLER The Laureis, Berks Hill, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire. August 10.

Tory appeal

From Mr Michael J. Gibbons

Sir, The high and dry tone of Sir Julian Critchley (letter, August 6) suggests that at least one Tory has not yet understood why the Conservatives lost the last general election.

Politics should be an appropriate balance of seriousness and fun. Wilham Hague is suitably serious at Prime Minister's Questions where he has scored several successes -- notably over the Lord Simon affair.

Equally, his personalised baseball cap and his ride on a water chute in Cornwall which, after all, is a major area of leisure and recreation, emphasises in a light-hearted way the serious need of the Conservatives to appeal to a broad sector of society.

Those activists who heard Mr Hague's speech at the conclusion of his Cornish tour will know that in our leader we have someone who combines the best of his two predecessors a passion of purpose and a naturalness with people. In time this will be recognised and be welcomed throughout the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL GIBBONS, 36 Carclew Street, Truro, Comwall. August 6.

From Mr James Reeve

Sir, At least Mr Hague does not appear to wear his baseball cap back-

Yours faithfully, JAMES REEVE 46c Montpellier Spa Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Cutting back sharply

From Mr Peter Hungerford-Welch

Sir, A notice in a local DIY store. informing customers that the store would no longer stock a particular model of lawnmower, made for alarming reading. Apparently, the mower was "de-ranged".

Yours faithfully, PETER HUNGERFORD-WELCH, 22 Oaklea Road, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent.

Brownfield sites can be made viable

From Mr David Crease

economical use of it?

'overdevelopment".

Sir, If our land is so precious a

resource - and it is - then why are

architects so often accused of "town

cramming" when proposing to make

to encourage new development in

existing built-up areas, and use the

green fields only as a last resort. But

in giving with one hand the necessary permission to develop land, they snatch away with the other the liberty

of the architect to put it to the best use.

All too often a design that meets all the

requirements, statutory and other-

wise, for civilised life in marketable or

affordable homes is refused per-

mission on the subjective ground of

There is no escaping the arithmetic.

If planning committees insist on halving the number of homes to the

acre we shall use up twice as many

acres. There is much argument about the forecasts for household formation

and population growth. But there can

be no argument about the effect of

housing density on the equation.

I am, Sir, yours etc. DAVID CREASE (architect).

Deer Park, Scampston,

August 5.

Malton, North Yorkshire.

Planning committees rightly wish

From the Director of the Civic Trust

Sir, It will be difficult to meet more of our housing need in towns and cities rather than on greenfield sites (letters, August 5). To do the job well we will need to increase investment to develop difficult urban sites, renew utilities, provide better welfare services and cater for all types of housing need.

Recent regeneration successes, come involving this trust, have shown this can be done but it will require a new range of incentives. Why not create funds for such work by re-using some of the savings from the gradual phasing-out of Miras, and by a modest levy on greenfield housing development? Why not make conversion and refurbishment more attractive through a reduction in VAT?

Even with these measures, a substantial amount of greenfield development will still need to occur, but the balance of development advantage would be tilted towards greater efforts to provide housing in a way that actually revitalises and improves our towns and cities.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL GWILLIAM. Director, Civic Trust. 17 Carlton House Terrace, SWI. August 6.

From Mrs Lavinia Maclean-Bristol Gap year is invaluable Sir, If every school-leaver intending to From the Director of Gap Activity

Projects (GAP) and others Sir, Employers and universities value students who have had a broad range of experiences. The gap year (letters, August 11) provides such experience

and in particular widens international awareness. We recognise the financial pressures on students from the proposed changes in the funding of higher education. However, it would be a great shame if the long-term benefits for

individuals and societies at large were lost. We hope students will not feel forced to give up the unique opportunity which the gap year provides. Yours faithfully, JOHN CORNELL, Director, Gap Activity Projects, RICHARD BROWN, Director, Council for Industry

and Higher Education, ROLY COCKMAN, Chief Executive, Association of Graduate Recruiters. GAP House, 44 Oueen's Road. Reading, Berkshire.

From Professor J. Gareth Jones

Sir, I am sure that many people who work in operating theatres were both amused, then depressed, about the outburst which followed recent retraining.

A quite different order of skill and excitement is to be found in anaesthe sia. My first work experience in the operating theatre was in Cardiff in 1945 when at the age of nine I was instructed by my father how to give open ether to anaesthetise patients with fractured limbs. This anaesthetic, chosen for its safety in unskilled hands, has now been largely abandoned because of its explosive properties.

A few years later, while on holiday in a remote part of Wales, my father showed me how to use model aeroplane fuel, based on ether, to anaesthetise a cat to remove a fishhook from its mouth.

Hong Kong inquiry

From Dr Robin Porter

Sir, Calls for a thorough public inquiry into what was promised to whom and by whom over Hong Kong in the period before Chris Patten took over as Governor (letters, July 16, 26, 31, August 1) are timely and entirely appropriate.

some of those who are most vocal now in their criticism of Mr Patten may have offered secret assurances to the Chinese Government which deceived not only the people of Hong Kong and of Britain, but also the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee.

Democracy is something for which people in this country have in living memory been prepared to sacrifice their lives, most British people believe in it, and many admire Chris Patten for having the courage to try to expand it, however belatedly, in Hong Kong.

Support for his achievement exists across party lines, and indeed in other democratic countries, notably in the United States, and in Europe and the

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take a gap year could be encouraged volunteer, by the Government waiving the first year's £1,000 fee, the spirit of volunteering in our youth would be heightened and their public spirit rewarded.

Each gap-year student should be encouraged to volunteer for a minimum of six months, and attached to a recognised volunteering organisation, with a certificate at the end as proof that the participant had honoured the agreement. This should be seen as part of a structured year between school and university.

The added maturity and determination, and indeed compassion, shown during this period would pay dividends when the gap-year student attended university. Education, after all, should surely include looking beyond personal wishes and an element of selflessness.

Yours faithfully, LAVINIA MACLEAN-BRISTOL (Director), Project Trust, The Hebridean Centre, Isle of Coll, Argyllshire.

new post of lecturer in anaesthesia

without any previous experience of

anaesthetising patients. That special-

isation came later. Such an appoint-

ment would be a very unlikely event

in the 1990s.

Yours faithfully,

Clinical School,

August 5.

J. GARETH JONES

(Professor of Anaesthesia),

University of Cambridge

Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Hills Road, Cambridge.

Department of Anaesthesia.

From Dr Robert M. Bruce-Chwatt

Sir, The extraordinary decision to sus-

pend the senior surgeon who re-

portedly allowed the 16-year-old to

hold a retractor brings an apt re-

minder of the definition of a junior

surgical houseman or a senior medi-

cal student "assisting" at an opera-

tion, as quoted by a senior consultant

at the Royal Free Hospital, Hamp-

stead: respectively, someone or some-

thing asleep on the other end of a

Operating a retractor

ports of a teenager on work experience who was apparently allowed to hold a retractor during surgery (letters, August 5). Most doctors will recall the sheer tedium and lack of skill needed to hold retractors during their medical

While these experiences are illegal, and neither influenced my subsequent choice of career as an anaesthetist, they were useful talking points at an interview in the 1960s when I was promoted from chest physician to a

Yours faithfully, ROBERT M. BRUCE-CHWATT (Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 1970-75),

York Lodge, I York Road, Richmond, Surrey.

August 5.

Commonwealth. The Labour Party, too, would do well to bear this in

Yours faithfully.

ROBIN PORTER, Keele University, Department of Politics, Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG. August 6. From the Executive Director There is a growing suspicion that

of Article 19 Sir, "News management" to obscure political embarrassment is one thing.

vote rigging quite another (leading article, "Chinese whispers", and letter, August 6). Did the British Government collude deprive millions of Hong Kong citi-

with the Beijing administration to zens of democratic rights at an early date? If so, should not the right of the people concerned to know this override any Official Secrets Act? This is the discussion we should be

having, at the same time as deciding the political and economic measures which should be adopted to ensure that freedom of expression, already being eroded in Hong Kong, is restored, and extended to the rest of China.

Yours faithfully, FRANCES D'SOUZA, Executive Director, Article 19, Lancaster House, 33 Islington High Street, NI. August 6.

Stop these foolish motorcycle articles

From Professor R. Michael Pittilo

Sir, I am enjoying your features on motorcycling and the increased emphasis being given to two-wheeled transport in your pages (Car 97, Motorcycling month", August I and 9). Motorcycles can be safe, environmentally friendly, economical and efficient forms of transport, provided that they are ridden skilfully.

Recently, in the process of selecting a new motorcycle for commuting and touring, I have had occasion to read widely across the popular motorcycling press. I have been dismayed to see many articles explaining how to perform stunts as well as encouraging riding techniques that, if attempted on the public highway, are illegal and extremely dangerous both to the rider and other road users.

The skills required to make safe and rapid progress on the public highways are very different to those needed by the grand prix racer; only a few have the aptitude and ability to succeed on the racetrack. Organisations such as the Institute of Advanced Motorists can advise on training and enable a rider to have his or her road skills assessed by an examiner with a Class One certificate

and traffic-patrol riding experience. Meanwhile, I hope that many of your readers may be tempted to either take up or return to motorcycling, to experience both the pleasures and exhilaration that it offers.

Yours faithfully, R. MICHAEL PITTILO. Woodbury, 37 Park Green. Great Bookham, Surrey. August 10.

Road-tax dodgers

From Mr Philip Le Brocq

Sir, Road-tax dodgers may well soon risk having their cars crushed for scrap in Britain (report, August 6), but we in Jersey have already solved the problem without resorting to such

crunching extremes. On January I, 1994, Jersey abolished the labour-intensive annual £22.50 car tax. By happy coincidence, the tax per gallon on fuel was in-

creased by 11p to £1.40. We now display an annual in-surance disc with valid date and insurance details instead, issued by insurance companies, both local and on the mainland.

No longer do we have to worry about remembering yearly tax as well as an insurance payment. Should we crash (and even our 40mph islandwide speed limit is not faultless), exchange of insurance details is easy. The police can see at a glance if a car is not insured - even more important than if it is not taxed - and the gasguzzling car-owners pay for what they

This is a very fair system, which saves Jersey's Registration Department's costs and time, and therefore also saves taxpayers' money.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP LE BROCO, The Cottage, Le Bourg, La Grande Route de la Côte. St Clement, Jersey, Cl. August 7.

From Mr R. G. Maling

Sir, Following the announcement of the Government's campaign against road-tax evaders (and the dire consequences) based on a yearly loss of £175 million, may we next expect to see TV detector vans equipped with TV set crushers as TV licence-fee evasion appears to be running at a similar

Yours faithfully, R. G. MALING, Windfall. 11 Chalkshire Road, Butlers Cross, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. August 5.

School food

From Mr Peter Kottler

Sir, Guy Walters ("Damp toast, gloop and Rupert's casetiere", August 8; see also letter, August 10) was lucky in his Eton diet.

I was at school at St Edmund's. Ware, in the 1950s. The food there was so awful, and consumption obligatory, that I devised a detachable polythene bag, sewn into my jacket pocket, that could be emptied into the school dog's dish later.

Puckeridge, the nearest haven for a smoke, did not boast a McDonald's (which hadn't been invented then) but only a transport caff, without which I would have starved.

The school dog was devoted to me.

Yours fastidiously, PETER KOTTLER, Kantstrasse 2, 04275 Leipzig, Germany. August 10.

Buying British

From Mr Richard Whitehead

Sir. My companion at lunch recently had a bottle of Cobra lager, imported from India, which cost £2.50. I had a bottle of English water only slightly larger. It cost £2.95. What is going on?

Yours faithfully. R. J. WHITEHEAD. 7 Ruvigny Mansions, The Embankment, Putney, SWI5. August 11.

SOCIAL NEWS

The President of Brazil and Senhora Cardoso will pay a state visit from December 2 to 5.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS:

Thomas Bewick, engraver. Newcastle, 1753; King George IV. reigned 1820-30, London, 1762; Robert Southey, Poet Laureate 1813-43, Bristol, 1774; Sir Joseph Barnby, composer. York, 1838; Jacinto Benavente. dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1866; Cecil B. de Mille, film producer, Ashfield, Massachusetts, 1881: Erwin Schrodinger, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, 1887: Dr C.E.M. Joad, civil servant, author and controversialist. Durham, 1891.

DEATHS:

Nahum Tate. Poet Laureate 1692-1715, London, 1715; Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, statesman, committed suicide, North Gray Place, Kent, 1822; William Blake. poet and artist. London, 1827; George Stephenson, builder of The Rocket, Tapton. Derby-shire, 1848; Sir William Jackson Hooker, 1st Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1841-65, London, 1865; James Lowell, poet and diplomat, Cambridge. Massachusetts, 1891: Adolf Erik Nordenskjöld. Arctic explorer and geologist. Dalbyō, Sweden, 1901; John Philip Holland, submarine pioneer. Newark, New Jersey. 1914: Arthur Griffith, Irish statesman, Dublin, 1922; Leos Janacek, composer, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, 1928: Thomas Mann, novelist. Nobel laure-ate 1929. Zurich, 1955: Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, Canterbury, 1964; Professor Sir Ernst Chain. biochemist. Nobel laureate 1945, Ireland, 1979; Henry Fonda, actor. Los Angeles,

Thomas Alva Edison made the first sound recording onto a foil-wrapped cylinder on the Edisonphone, 1887.

The first Model T Ford was produced, 1908. Echo I, the first US communications satellite, was

launched from Cape Canaver-

The first giant panda born in captivity was delivered naturally in a Mexican zoo. 1980.

University news

al. 1960.

University College, Oxford Sir Robin Butler is to be elected to the Mastership of University College, Oxford, with effect from January 4.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London Mr Clifford Charles, President of the Rotary Club of London presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. Miss Vicki Jenson, Director of Age Concern, also spoke.

Noddy's creator is respectable again

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

ENID BLYTON'S place in history was sealed vesterday when the centenary of her birth was marked by the unveiling of an English Heritage blue plaque at the house where she wrote her first book.

Her daughter Gillian Baverstock unveiled the plaque at the house in Surbiton, southwest London, where her mother wrote her first a day - led some to think she book. Child Whispers. De- employed a team of ghostspite 500 rejections by publishers, she went on to produce more than 700 children's books before her death, aged 71, in 1968.



Enid Blyton: an output of 10,000 words a day

Yesterday Mrs Baverstock confessed that her mother had often tired of her best-loved characters and churned out her books only because of pressure from her publishers. "She was not excited by writing some of them."

Blyton's huge output - she could write a book a week, routinely typing 10.000 words writers and earned her the nickname "sausage machine". In the past few years, her

work has been accused of racism, sexism and snobbery. It was banned by some "politically correct" councils and some characters, including the golliwog in Noddy. were removed or altered. But more recently her books have enjoyed a renaissance and sell around 8.5 million copies a year worldwide.

Now many of her charac-ters are likely to be brought sharply up to date after the copyright to her books was sold to the co-owners of the Trocadero entertainment complex in Central London. More traditionally, on Sep-

tember 7, the Royal Mail will release a set of five commemo-



Noddy waves from a window with Enid Blyton's daughter Gillian Baverstock after the plaque is unveiled

The Sovereign's Parade at the RMA Sandhurst

FIELD MARSHAL Lord Bramail represented the Queen at The Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst last

Friday.
The following have been granted Corps shown, having successfully completed Commissioning Course No 963. The Sword of Honour was won by Junior Under Officer P D L Rennie and the Queen's Medal by Officer Cadet D M Wilkins: M B Adams, Kings, John Hamp-

den GS. High Wycombe: E L Ainsworth, RLC. Lutterworth School, Leicester; D A Allison, AGC (SPS), St Peter's School, Solihull; A J C Anderson, LI, Harrow School; T E Ash, REME, Fallibroome CHS, Macclesfield; M J Bacon. Int Corps. Claremont-Fan-Court School: P R Ballard. REME. Wycliffe Coll; R S A Barthorp, Coldm Gds. Eton Coll; P M K Beaumont, RLC, Gosfield School: E N J Bennert, RLC, Vandyke School: P G Beresford-Jones, RGR, Charterhouse School; A G Biddulph, KRH, Eton Coll; D P Binnie. REME, Hookergate CS, Newcastle: TX V Black. Gren Gds. Eton Coll; D M Blakeley, Para, Welbeck Coll; J R Blamire, KOSB. Ryton School, Gateshead: V J Bland, RLC, Woodford Lodge HS; J H Blount, LG. Harrow School; G P J Blunden, RE. King's School, Bruton; G S Bond, RE, Arnold School, Blackpool; S. L. Bradley-Walker, REME, Brooksbank School; N P Brady, RLC, Prior Park Coll: D H Branch. RGR. Watford GS; C D R Briggs, RGR, William Parker School; S J Britton, Para, Bedford School: R D Brown, Kings, Northwood Boys HS, RSA: Bunkle, RLC, Fakenham HS; T J H Bunney, RS, The Edinburgh Academy: C W Burridge, QRL, The Perse School: L S Burt, AGC (SPS). Yeovil Coll: D A Byles,

J R Campbell-Barnard, 9/12 L Wellington Coll; C M B Carver. RWF, Ellesmere Coll: PC D Cavill. QDG, Victoria Coll, St Helier: S R Christian, AGC (SPS), Highams

RAMC. Warwick School.

Park School: M P Clark, RLC, Blandford Upper School: A J Clarke, RA, Stourport HS; A D Clixby, R Signals, Lincoln Christ Hospital: R M Coates, RRF, Cheadle Hulme School: J V Cohen. AGC (SPS), St Clement Danes School: N C S Coke, LD, Downside School: S J Cole, WG, St Bartholomew's School, Newbury; A Coleshill, REME, Latifa School, Dubai; P E Connor, R Signals. Heath CS, Runcorn; A E Cowe, RLC, Swanmore School, Fareham N J Cowey, RTR. Cranbrook School: A D Cox, Staffords, Romsey School: L B Cox, RE, Hornsea School: H D B Craggs, Doncaster; B C Hardwick, RE, Solihull School; K D Harris, AGC Hornsea School: H D B Croggs.
9/12 L, Harrow School: J P
Cresswell. RA, Sir John Neithorpe
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Peters HS, Burnham on Crouch: D
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RRF. Bournemouth School: C W G Gladwell, PWRR, Christ's Hos-

pital School; J B Gordon, Hldrs, Wellington Coll; M P M Grayson, IG, Eton Coll: A J Greaves, RE. Glenwood HS, Glenrothes; J E Green, Staffords, Newcastle under Green, Staffords, Newcastle under Lyme School; R J Green, RE, Mirfield HS, Mirfield; R J H Green. D and D, Marlborough Coll: M T Greenwood, AAC, Sackville School; C J Gregg, RE, Dalziel HS. Motherwell; G W Griffin, Green Howards, Cranbrook School; J S Griffiths, R Signals, Rivington & Blackrod HS. Bolton. T A Hanks, RAMC. Danum CS,

(PRO), Bridlington HS, Hornsea; S M J Hawkins, RA, Hurstpier-S M J Hawkins, RA, Hurstpierpoint Coll; A F Hawley, R Anglian,
Robert Pattinson School; J C Hay,
AAC, Ampleforth Coll; J P Hayward, REME, Welbeck Coll; J A
Hazan, RTR, Charterhouse
School: F A Hearn, RLC,
Berkhamsted School; N Hepburn,
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Herbert, RLC, Lancaster RGS; M
E Hickman. PWRR, Reigate GS; I
C W Hill. D and D, Cranleigh
School; R J Hinds, KOBR, The
Skinners' School, Tonbridge; T L B Hinxman, RGR, Harrow School; D A Holdsworth, RE, Shrewsbury Windsor School, Rheindahlen: W.J. Hopkirk, IG. Uppingham School; L C Hurn, AGC (SPS), Thorpe House School, Norwich; B M D Ingham, RA, Repton School. D A Jackson. R Signals, Rainhill School, Prescott: T N R Jackson. LI. Cheltenham Coll; C S James, ODG. Eton Coll: A S Janaway. RE. St Mary's Coll. Southampton: DOW Jarvis, Para, The Rushcliffe School; A G Johnson, KOBR, Sedbergh School: R D Johnson, RRW, Filton Coll; C H Jones, RTR. Wesn'ille Boys HS, RSA; I L M Jones, RA, Rugby School; M I H Jones, AGC (PRO), Quantock School, Taunton; R M Jones, R Signals, Glanial HS, Cardiff; D F

Jourdan, RE, Earlham HS, Nor-

wich: N A Kell. Int Corps. Durham

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Lancaster GS; T J Knowles Jack-son, II, Bryanston School: G J Knox, A and SH, Dollar Academy; J A Kyffin-Topp, Scots DG, Bedstone Coll: J F Lacken, RE, St Johns R C CS, Gravesend; W K M Lawrie, SG, Wellington Coll: T C Legge, RE, Welbeck Coll: R R Lord, PWO, Colchester RGS; D M R Lucas, Gren Gds, Hampton School: T E Luker, RA, Charterhouse School: J P Q Lye, REME. Cranleigh School: S A
Lyle, RLC. Ballyclare HS; W R
Lynch, RA, Hanley HS, Upton on
Severn; F J E Lyon, Gren Gds, Harrow School

Harrow School.

N D Macgregor, A & SH, Arbroath HS; A J Magro. RA, Bristol Cathedral School; J E Mardlin, RA, Bedford School; S H Marsden, RLC, Glasgow Academy; T G J Marsden, RE, St Mary's Coil, Wallasey; J W Martin, RA, St Lawrence Coil; M W Martin, RLC, St Thomas More School. Rochford; T J Matson, AGC (ETS), Lord Silkin School. Telford; J Maude, DWR, King Edward VI Coll; J W McCleery, RA, St Edward's School, Oxford; J R McElhinney, BW. The Edir-R McElhinney, BW. The Edinburgh Academy; I C McEwan, R Irish, Dollar Academy; I McGuire, Kings, Welbeck Coll; K L McQuade, AGC (ETS), Madras Coll. St Andrews: M F Millov. R. Irish, Duke of York's RMS; I Moore, RE, King's School, Rochester; E J A Morgan, AAC, Winchester Coll; B E M Morris, RA, Monmouth School; P R D Muir, R Signals, Trowbridge Coll; J Na Nakhorn, RLC, Felsted School; L F Ngwenya, RE, West-minster School; M A P Mooney, PWRR, St George's RC School, Southampton; A R A Norton, REME, Chichester HS; C T O'Callaghan, AGC (SPS), Queen Ethelburga's Coll: D M Pascoe, RRW, Christ Coll. Brecon. K R Patterson, AGC (SPS), Rose bery School, Epsom; S J Pedder, R Signals, St Edmund's Coll, Ware:

A E Peddie, AGC (SPS), Balfron HS, Balfron; C R Phillips, QDG, Malvern Coll; R G B Pim, WG. Wellington Coll; C P A Powers,

PWO, Kings School, Tynemouth: J E H Pratt, RE, Hereford Cathedral School; B P N Ramsay, WG, Downside School: M P Rawling son-Plant, RTR, Gordonstoun son-Plant, RTR, Gordonstoun School; J J Rees, RA, Bairry Boys CS; C F Reeve, REME, Warwick School; J E Relph, RA, Duke of York's RMS; P D L Rennie, BW, Brighton Coll; M D Robb, AAC, Wallace HS, Stirling; F Robinson, RA, Arnold School; F A Robinson, RA, Bendford CS; A L E Robens RA, Bradford GS; A L F Robson, LD, Uppingham School; A J Rogers, REME, Birkenhead School; H C M Rogers, LL Sherborne School; S A Rumbold, RA, Dr Challoner's GS.

G W A Sale, RGJ, Cranleigh School; N P Sargent, RA, Stamford School; R A Scobie, RE, Carrick Academy; M C Scobie, RE, Hele's School, Plymouth; D Y Seabrook, RE, Kelly Coll; S J Shepher, RA, Hele's School Hele's School, Plymouth; G J M
Simpson, IG, Rugby School; J
Simpson, AGC (ETS), Berwick
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Northgate HS, Ipswich; K D
Smith, DWR, Park School, Barnstable; MJT Smith, RTR, Dulwich Coll; D -B Soulsby, Scots -DG; Harrow School, J A Stephenson, KRH, Wycliffe Coll; J C Stewart, R R G Streatfield, RGJ, The Judd School: A S W Strong, QRH, Repton School; R M Sutcliffe, DWR, Wetherby HS; A W Swain, RE, Chipping Sodbury School. J Taffs, RA, East Barnet School; R R Tasker, RLC, Geoffrey Chaucer School: M. C. Tetley, DWR, Woodhouse Grove School: J. D. Thirkill, BW, Ardingly Coll: L. J. Thirsk, R. Signals, Penrhos Coll: R. Threapleton, AAC, Read School, Selby, N P Thuilliez, PWRR, St Mary's Coll, Southampton; J H P Thurstan, Coldm Gds, Well Coll; R Todd, Para, Adwick School, Doncaster; P B A Townley, RHG/D, Ampleforth Coll; J E Toze, R Signals, Newport Free GS; M N J Trebilcock, RLC, Welbeck, Coll: J. S. Trembath, REME:

C N Ulvert, WG, Eton Coll-P Vale. CN Ulivert, WG, Ettin Coll, P.Vale, 9/12 L. Ring, Alfred's School, Wantage; S. J. Walden, RE, Teigmsouff, Community Colt; B G. White, R Signals, The Portsmouth, GS; D. R. White, RA. Toot Hill School, Bingham; J. W. B. White, RDG, Banbridge Academy; H. D. Whiteman, AGC (ETS). Glemmore School, Bournemouth; S. W. Whittley, R. Signals, Coleraine Academic, Institution; D. M. Wilkins, AAC, Dean Close School, M. T. Williams, RLC, Dover GS; A. J.

T Williams, RLC, Dover GS; A J Wills, IG, Sherborne School; J P Wills, IG, Sherborne School; J P Wills, PWRR, Reigate GS; A M Wilson, SG, Eton Coll; A S Wilson, R Signals, Springwell Community School; T A Winfield, RHF, Allhallows School; A J Winter, Int Corps, Queen Elizabeth Hospital; C M Withington, RA, Hurstpierpoint Coll; D L Woods, RE, Ipswich School; M Yates, Kings, Manor School, Stockport; M E J Young, RA, Bishops Bhecoat School; R E A Youngs, AAC, Nottingham HS.

The following overseas cadets also passed out with a view to being commissioned in the Armed Forces of their countries. The winner of the Overseas Cane was Officer Cadet Sadaya Nepal. Bahrain: Sheikh Salman Abdullan ar Khalifa; Belize: Ricardo Cirilo Leal; Botswana: Ontiretse Geoffrey Rankae; Brunei: Salfutrizal Abdullatif; Fiji: Aisake Dksl Vulkadavu; Guatemala: Ruben Antonio Tellez Cabrera: Guyana: Michael Olton: Johnson; Jamaica: Merrick: Ashmeade A Lloyd, Antoine Nicholl Nembhard, Carlington John Reid; Jordan: Haethum Samila Al Butilidni: Malawai: John Kachere Gama; Mauritus: Sallesh Kumar Behary; Mozambique: Jongo-Volicali; Nepal: Sadaya Shumsher J B Rana, Sagar Kandel Chettri; Oman: Khallia Naser Al Amairi; Qatar: Mohammed Ali Jaber Al Marri; Saidf Arabia: Saleh Ghalib Al Quaiti; Sierra Loone: Ibrahim Mohammed Jawara; Singapore: Ang Keng Ern Joshua; Sri Lanka: Mohamed Shazuli Hameed; Thailand: Numphol Palboonthiti-pornchai; Trinidad & Tobago: Sheldon Randy Oddan: UAE: Salem Abdullah Al Dahmani. Khalifa: Relize: Ricardo Cirilo Leal:

don Randy Oudan; Abdullah Al Dahmani

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.W. Gordon and Miss O.L.F. Graham

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Gordon, of Tatenhall, Cheshire, and Oriel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Graham, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Mr N.J. Morgan and Miss E.L. Palmer

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Frank Morgan, of Bush End, Essex, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr John R.W. Palmer. of Kirkmichael House, and of Mrs Carolyn Steel, of Ashintully Castle, both of Perthshire.

Mr A.G.E. Ovey and Miss C.L. Griffin

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Ovey, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Charleston and August Angelong of the Angelong and August Angelong and Augus and Charlotte, only daughter of the late Mr John Griffin and of Mrs Griffin, of Bolton, Lancashire. Mr T.A.H. Rutter and Miss C.H. Palmer

the engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Canon and Mrs A.E.H. (Claude) Rutter, of Chilson, Somerset, and Clare, younger daughter of the late Mr. Nigel Palmer OBE and of Mrs Palmer, of Nether Compton, Dorset.

Mr.W.F.G. Strang and Miss E.A. Munro-Faure The engagement is announced between Frank, youngest son of Guthrie and Morag Strang, of Bearsden, Glasgow, and Eleanor, elder daughter of Douglas and the late Honor Munro-Faure. of Woldingham, Surrey.

Mr C.P. Tozer and Miss R.A. Hughes
The engagement is announced
between Christopher Paul, son of
Mr and Mrs Paul H. Tozer, of
Bath, and Rachel Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gareth Hughes, of Pontefract, West Yorkshire.

Birthdays today

Mr Roger Abel, former chairman, Conoco Exploration Production, Europe, 54; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC, 55; Mr Kenneth Collins, MEP, 58; Admiral Sir Kenneth Eaton, 63; Air Marshal Sir Maurice Heath, 88; General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, 76; Sir Anthony Jolliffe, former Lord Mayor of London, 59: Dr Tommy Kemp, physician and former rugby player, 82; Pro-fessor David King, Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 58; Mr Mark Knopfler. singer, songwriter and guitarist, 52. Constant + 2/2

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Mr Norris McWhirter, founder editor, Guinness Book of Records, 72, Mr Floris Maljers, KBE, former joint chairman, Unilever NV, 64: Sir Robin Nicholson, FRS, metallurgist, 63; Lord Renton. OC. 89; Mr Pete Sampras. tennis player, 26; Mr Jonathan Taylor, chairman, Booker, 62; Mr Peter West, sports commentator, 77; Professor Graham Zellick, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, London University, and Principal, Queen Mary and Westfield College,

Legal appointment

Mr Justice Mortimer has been appointed a Vice-President of the Court of Appeal and Nonpermanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China

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Does not consolution from God suffice you, a word whispered quietly in your ear? Job 15 : 11 BIRTHS

ALDEBAKEL - On August 4th a The Portland Hospital, to Sundes Alsane and Ibrahing a daughter, Douba, a siste for Abdullariz and Saad. ALEV - On August 2nd at The Fortland Hospital, to Machiban and Ilham, a son, Beydar, a brother for Leyla and Arzu.

and Area.

ASHEY - On August 7th at The
Portland Hospital, to Julie
(née Cade) and Linm, a
daughter Calitin, a sister for
Chartie.
BOWYER - On August 5 1997,
to Berbara (née Strachan)
and Harty, a son, Edmund
Hunter Mittord.

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CLISTON - On Sth August
1997, in Singapore, to
Elizabeth (nee Gordon
Clark) and Gregory, a son,
Indo Francis Rasinck. Intgo Francis Haslinck.
CRAWFORD - On August 4th at
The Fortland Bospital, to
Helem and James, a daughter,
Karasha, a sister for Tom.
DSLAUREY - On Monday 4th
August to joyt and Tony, a
gorgeous baby boy, Max.
EVANGELOU - On 8th August
1,997 at The Royal Free
Hampstead to Karen
Cranswick and Mario, a

Hampstead to Kares Cranswick and Mario, Crantwick and marid, a daughter, Zoe. Ambrien - On August 7th at The Fortland Hospital, to Floma Eastwood and Kevin Gardiner, a daughter, gatharine Rose, a sister for

Frances May.

GROOME - On August 10th at
The Portland Hospital, to
Kristina and Todd, a son,
Michael, a brother for Any.

MALL-THOMPSON - On Ind.

August to Jennifer (née
Allibone) and Charles, a son,
Thomas David, a brother for
Heavy.

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MAZUKI - On August 6th at the
Hospital of St John and St
Hisbath, Best wishes and
happiness to D Aisuke,
Smike and Hazuki from
Hidenori Shimizn.

Hidenori Samira.

MOUGH - On July 21st. to
Shorri and Michael, a
daughter, Georgia Bridget
Mary, a sister for Harry,
Edward and Ellie. Edward and Ellie.

BARKCHOK - On August 8th at
The Fortland Hospital, to
Don and Masve, a gift from
God, a sun, Tyler James.

BECHEL - On August 6th at The
Fortland Hospital, to Valence
(née Grealin) and Christian,
a sun. Alčis, a brother for

BIRTHS PATCHETT - Nick and Isabe are pleased to announce the arrival of Harry William Edward on 9th Angust 1997 a brother for Rosie and Alice PHANG-LEE - On August 8th at The Portland Rospital, to Angus and Francesca, a son, Christopher.

RAHMAN-On July 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Nathalie (née Van Den Soogaard) and Ajmal, a son, Benjamin and a daughter Sophia. RAMES - On 3rd Angust 1997 to Emma (née Budgen) and Jason, a son, Alexander Cuspian, a brother for Tom. SHELLADY - On August 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Henderson) and Scott, a daughter, Chloé Elizabeth.

SMETH - On August 9th at Ascot, to Esg and Alexis (ase Morley), a son, Thomas Sheridan, a brother for Bazzaby.

SUN - on August 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Anna and Sters, a son Kory, a brother for Cheyne and Roscos.

THOMAS - On 30th July to Alison (née Wilson) and Mark, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Jans. THELEAVEN - Lydia Frances born Friday 8th August 1997, St Mary's Respital, Paddington, London, First child of proud parents Lindle and Hamish All well.

WATKREON - On August 10th to Charlotte (zée Rolder) and Charles, a son, Hugh Senedict Charles. WATSON - On August 4th to Helen (née Wilson) and Juies, a son, Tobias George Edward Newall.

DEATHS

BARKER - Kathleen Olive.
Peacefully at Seacroft
Mussing Home, West Sumen
on August 8th. Wildow of
Stephen Geoffrey. Beloved
mother of Nell and Michael.
Pument Service on Tuesday
August 19th at 2.30pm,
Portchester Crematorium.
Donations if desired to
N.S.P.C.C. or R.N.L.I. All
empuires to W. Wight & Som,

BENTHAM - Bosie on Sunday
10th August 1997,
peacefully aged 87 years.
She will be sadly missed by
her very large family and
many close friends:
generations of girls will
remember her from her years
of teaching Geography at
Wakeffeld High School,
Notting Hill, Ealing High
School GPDST and
especially from 1947-1984
as Co-Director and Principal
of Queensmount School,
Bournemouth She was for
many years a Companion of
the Community of the
Requirent Mass will be hald
on Monday 18th August at
7,00pm and the Funeral
Service at 12.15pm the
following day at St. Alban's
Church, Charminster Road,
Sounsemouth where she has
been an active member for

DEATHS

following day at St. Alban's Church, Charminster Road, Sournemouth where she has been an active member for 50 years, followed by committal at Bournemouth Cremstocium. Reception for the family will be held at Queensmount Nursing Home, 18 Coursemouth. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations for a special fund for St. Alban's Church, in her memory, hay be sent to Head & Wheble Puneral Directors, 1A Oxford Road,

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SURGESS - Oswald Claude, on 7th August, suddenly. Seloved son of the late Horace and Flora Europes and adored husband of Hamel, brother to Eucamund, Desmund and Donald and the late Graham. Marine Engineer and champion of the River Severn barrage concept. Funeral at St. Augustine's Church, Dewund, Edutol on Thumday 14th August at 10sm.

COULTHARD - Luiu Edith.
Counspounty on 7th August,
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Maniborough House Nursing
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Beloved mother of Linda and
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COVELL - On August 9th, peacefully after a short illness, David aged 60 years, of Lindfield, Sussex. Husband of the late Chris, dearest father of Andrew and Candida, loving son of Leith and the late Cora, grandfather of Olivia and father-in-law of Richard and Candila. He will be sadly missed by Rosemany Aune, his family and friends, Funeral service at Boly Trimity Church, Cackfield, Sussex on Friday August 15th at 12.00 mon. Flowers to E.A. Brooks & Son. Haywards Heath, Sussex, Tet. (01444) 454391.

FIRTH - Major Malcolm Vincent Chichester, on 8th August 1997. Beloved husband of Janet, loving father and grandfather. Family funeral. Thanksgiving Service, St Michael and All Angels, Urchfoot on Felday 22nd August at 3pm.

GAIRDMER - John Oswald Hugh OBE Captain Royal Navy. Peacefully at Cleave Court Nursing Home on Angust 10th 1997 aged 92. Much loved husband of Joyce, father of Martin, Christabel and Elizabeth and grandfather. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, at All Saints Church, wington on Friday Angust 15th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, but if decired donations to RVLI may be sent to Keith C. Britton & Son Funeral Directors 10 High Street, Yatton, Eristol ES19 4JA.

MACKETT - Peter Middleton late Eoyal Artillesy on 9th August 1997. Very dear husband of Margaret and much loved father of Edward and Este and grandfather of Lucy. Marry, Flavia and Jamie. Private family cremation on Friday 15th August at 15:30 followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St. Ohn's Church, Broadstones at 18.

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HIDSON - Pescefully at the College of St Barnahas on 7th August, aged 80, the Reversed Thomas Bernard Hudson, MA, sometime Frincipal of St. Paul's College, Ambatchararana, Madagascar and Diocesan Cascalloc, brother of Mary (Sister Christine, CSD) and of Joseph Requism at the College on Friday 15th August at 11,00m, followed by a private cremation. Memorial gifts instead of Dowers may be sent to the Warden, College of St Sernahas, Lingfield, Surrey EH7 681, for the College's Centensty Appeal.

LEEZELL - On August 9th after a short illness Peter George aged 71 years. Much loved husband of Tenry and father of Caroline and Brighte, respected and loved grandfather and father-in-law. Funeral Service on Monday August 18th at 2.30pm at St Michael the Arch Angel, Saunden, Kent followed by budal. Flowers and enquiries of AW. Court Funeral Directors, Headcom Road, Grafty Green, Maidstone. Tel: 01622 850840.

LITHCOW - On August 8th, suddenly, Lt. Colonel W.S.F. (Col. Bill), aged 77, of South Newington, Oxon. Dear hasband of Particle, much loved father of Jupe, Richard and Diama, and a loving grandfather. Family funeral on Friday, August 15th at St. Feter Ad Vincula, South Newington. Memorial Sarvice to be announced.

LYSTER - John Neal P. TD. IL., dearly loved husband of Peggy and father of Simon and Bryuny, so peacefully at home samounded by love, on August 8th aged 78. Cremetion private. A service in his memory will be held at All Saints' Church, Stock on Monday 8th September at 3pm. Plense no flowers. Donations, if desired, to Espex Wildlife Trust, Colchester CD5 7DM.

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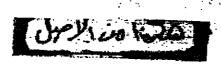
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DONALD CRICHTON-MILLER

Donald Crichton-Miller, TD. former public school headmaster, died on August 5 aged 90. He was born on December 7.

onald Crichton-Miller was among Britain's most highly regarded headmasters when, in 1958, he was sought out by the school governors to take charge of

A Cambridge rugby Blue and Scottish international, he had been made Headmaster of Taunton School at the astonishingly early age of 29. There, according to one of his successors John Rae in his own autobiography Delusions of Grandeur, Crichton-Miller "had taken Taunton apart and put it together again in better

shape". Nine years later he had started a similar job at Peties. his own old school in Edinburgh, where he doubled the number of pupils during his time there and made it one of the best sports schools in the country. Moving to Stowe at the height of his powers, aged 52, he should have looked forward to winning still more: golden opinions, particularly as he had taught there as a young man:

But things then went badly wrong, His robust, authoritarian style which, according to Rae, had "inspired great loyal" ty" at Taunton and later at Fettes, was resented by a number of Stowe's senior housemasters. Moreover, some of these, as is often the way in such closed communities, maintained their own private lines to the governors especially to those of them. who were old boys of the

school. Arguments over discipline and admissions, fuelled by this damaging clash of personalities, led to a struggle for power - and eventually to an independent inquiry led by a QC. Rather prejudicially, Crichton-Miller himself was suspended while it was held.

Still, the inquiry found in his favour. But Crichton-Miller was then accused of leaking its findings. Charged with betraying a confidence, he was hauled in by the chairman of



the governors and told he could either resign or be summarily sacked. Given five minutes to make up his mind, he chose the former — and stepped into premature retirement after only five years at the school. It seemed a sad end to a career which had prom-

ised so much. Donald Crichton-Miller was born in San Remo, Italy, the son of one of Britain's leading psychiatrists Hugh Crichton-Miller, founder of London's Tavistock Clinic. Crichton-Miller senior had at one time divided his practice between Aviemore in the Highlands in the summer and San Remo in the winter.

But the family stemmed from Edinburgh, so it was to Fettes that Hugh Crichton-Miller sent his son shortly after the First World War. There he not only became head boy but demonstrated

his early rugby prowess as a

wing forward. He also won a history exhibition to Pernbroke College, Cambridge. He spent four years at university, which was fortunate, because in his fourth year he won his Blue in those days a significant embellishment to any schoolmaster's CV. He also won several caps for Scotland, attracting attention by his speed and adventurism - and some

criticism for not pulling his weight in the scrum.

His sporting reputation and contacts, however, helped him to get his first teaching appointment as an assistant master at Monmouth School

in 1929. He moved to Bryanston two years later, then to the newly founded Stowe for his first spell at the school in 1934, teaching history and English under the famous J. F. Roxburgh. His first headship at Taunton began in 1936.

A captain in the Territorial Army, he was called up on the outbreak of the war to serve with the Royal Scots Fusiliers. But Taunton School suffered

so badly from his absence that he was discharged from the Army after a year to return to his study - on condition that he ran its Officer Training Corps (OTC). He also had to help to organise accommodation for two other schools which had been evacuated there during the war.

An active member of the Church of Scotland, Crichton-Miller taucht divinity throughout his time as a headmaster. But his strengths and his principal interest lay in administration and school governance. He was chosen to carry out education surveys for Pakistan in 1951 and Malia in 1950, which illustrates his then growing reputation.

A strong man in terms of physique and personality, he exuded a presence which few questioned. It was said that he was loved by his pupils and feared by his staff - but respected by all.

Boys at Taunton dubbed him "the Monarch", and when he appeared on the touchline at the schools rugby match, his own school broke into loud spontaneous cheering.

One theory about what went wrong at Stowe involves an incident towards the end of his time at Fettes. He discovered, to his great shame and disappointment, that a number of prefects had been smoking in the hall porter's office - in flagrant breach of school rules. Moreover, this had been going on under his nose.

Although he dealt swiftly and severely with the culprits, expelling the school's head boy, his confidence was said to have been shaken. At Stowe, therefore, he decided to stamp his authority on the school from the outset - so running full-tilt into opposition.

In retirement, however, he accepted a number of school governorships, of both feepaying and state schools, and retained close contacts with those in which he himself had taught. These included Stowe, whose new headmaster always made him feel welcome.

Donald Crichton-Miller married his wife Monica in 1931. They met at Cambridge where she was a Girton undergraduate and lacrosse Blue. She survives him together with two sons and a daughter.

DRUM MATTHEWS

ROBERT SPENCER

Robert Spencer, lutenist, died of cancer on August 8 aged 65. He was born on May 9, 1932.

ROBERT SPENCER was influential in many spheres of British musical life - performance, teaching, collecting and scholarship. A foundermember of the Bream Consort, he also played lute and guitar for the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratfordupon-Avon and theorbo continuo for Raymond Leppard's ground-breaking early opera productions at Glyndebourne in the 1960s.

This experience with the stage set him apart from many colleagues in the early music movement. Spencer was passionate about the theatricality of performance, as a soloist, as an accompanist and as a teacher at the Royal Academy of Music.

A singer himself, he was a remarkably sensitive accompanist, working with Wilfred Brown, Janet Baker, James Bowman, Michael Chance and many others. Perhaps his most notable partnership was with Alfred Deller, taking over from Desmond Dupré as his accompanist and patiently transposing Deller's repertoire progressively down by semi-tones as the countertenor's voice began to deepen

with age. Spencer was a fine lute soloist in his own right, with a large, rich tone, but he never converted from playing with flesh and nails in the guitar fashion to the so-called "PI" technique, taking runs with the thumb and index finger, which is now de rigueur for lutenists. He grew increasingly self-conscious about this, and sadly gave up playing

altogether a few years ago. Spencer was appointed a professor at the Royal Academy of Music in 1974 and also taught at the Royal College. the Guildhall School of Music and countless summer schools around the world. His early English song classes at the Academy were highly successful, and many singers, including leading professionals now

means, he, nevertheless, through shrewd dealing and a good eye, amassed one of the

gestures.

greatest collections of 16th and 17th-century English printed music, manuscripts and

sceptical of those advocating

"period pronunciation" and

strict adherence to treatises.

Spencer had a gift for teaching

singers how to communicate

directly with the audience,

especially through words and

Spencer was a noted author-

ity on early English music and

on the 19th-century guitar.

publishing many scholarly ar-

ticles and editions. He lectured

and examined at Oxford and

King's College London and

was frequently consulted by

Sotheby's and the British Li-

brary about manuscripts and

old editions. But perhaps his

greatest achievement was as a

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Elizabeth I and the only extensive writing in the hand of John Dowland, the lutenistcomposer. He also assembled a fine collection of Renaissance and Baroque lutes and guitars, all meticulously maintained in playing condition, together with furniture, paintings and other illustrations of musicians.

Spencer was liked and respected by everyone who knew him. He dedicated his life to his students and the many singers he accompanied. But the abiding memory of his closest colleagues will have is of a soloist: several years ago. in the midst of a gruelling North American tour with the Deller Consort, Spencer, so sick with 'flu that he could barely walk on stage, played Dowland's Melancholy Galliard in a manner which was both tragic and uplifting, going straight to the hearts of the audience, most of whom had never before heard a note

He is survived by his wife,

Drum Matthews, FRS, geophysicist, died of a heart attack on July 20 aged 66. He was born on

February 5, 1931. DRUM MATTHEWS was a distinguished geophysicist whose scientific discoveries in the 1960s helped to bring about the "plate tectonics revolution", overturning conventional geological wisdom and explaining the origins of the oceanic crust. Later, in the 1980s, he turned his attention to the study of the continents, and he led Britain's national effort in deep seismic reflec-

tion profiling until his retirement in 1990.

Drummond Hoyle Matthews was educated at Bryanston before doing National Service as an officer in the Royal Navy and taking a degree in natural sciences at King's College, Cambridge. From 1955 to 1957 he carried out sometimes arduous field work with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey now the British Antarctic

He would later blame the high-fat field rations on which he had to survive during this period in his life for causing

lasting damage to his health he suffered from diabetes and consequent heart problems. But it was during these years, too, that he first came into contact with the then heretical ideas of continental drift ideas more current in the southern hemisphere than in

either Europe or North

Matthews returned to Cambridge in 1958 to work for his PhD under Maurice Hill, studying basalts dredged from the deep sea-floor of the eastern North Atlantic Ocean. Remaining in Cambridge as a Research Fellow of King's.

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then as head of the marine geophysics group from 1966, he led many research cruises, particularly in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans and in the Mediterranean.

It was data acquired during the International Indian Ocean Expedition in 1962 that prompted his most influential discovery, published with his then doctoral student Fred Vine in Nature in 1963. Vine and Matthews noted that the pattern of magnetic stripes that cover the ocean floor (known since the early 1950s) could be explained by ideas of ocean-floor spreading and

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periodic reversals of the Earth's magnetic field. This work led irresistibly to widespread acceptance of the ideas of continental drift, the impermanence of oceanic crust, and to plate tectonics, so providing the paradigm which underpins all geological theories of the past quarter-century. The reaping of this harvest occupied Drum and his graduate students, many of whom later became distinguished col-

leagues, for many years. By the late 1970s the platetectonics revolution had led to much greater understanding of mid-ocean ridges and of oceanic evolution. Matthews sought new scientific challenges in the study of the continents, which defied (and still defy) understanding in the same detail. Together with Derek Blundell, he initiated the British Institutions' Reflection Profiling Syndicate (BIRPS), the first successful national deep seismic-reflection programme to be established in Europe, and the first to undertake widespread crustal-penetrating continen-

tal seismic profiling at sea. He led BIRPS from its foundation in 1980 until he took early retirement after a heart attack in 1990. He presided over an enormous data-collection effort and over the resulting growth in understanding brought about by the application of deep reflection profiling to the task of mapping the British Isles for the first time in the third vertical - dimension. One of the cross-section profiles most

into the Earth. Matthews was much loved commonly seen in today's

named DRUM (Deep Reflections from the Upper Mantle) in his honour by his colleagues, and exemplifies the power of this geophysical technique to penetrate ever-deeper (more than 50 miles down)

not only for his leadership and encouragement of younger scientists, but also for his quirky and often whimsical sense of humour. The name BIRPS gave much entertainment (the

second word in its name was originally to have been "Universities"). Matthews once delighted in lecturing an eminent audience on "BIRPS above - deep gas below?", and earlier in his career was happy to discover a new oceanic deep adjacent to the Peake Deep, which he was then able to name the Frean

On his retirement from Cambridge University Matthews accepted the accolade of having a building named in

his honour, with the proviso that it be called not the Matthews Building but the Drum Building. He regarded life and scientific inquiry as a great adventure, which he shared freely. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society

Drum Matthews was twice married. He is survived by his widow Sandie, who brought great joy to the last ten years of his life, and by his first wife Rachel and their son and daughter.

in 1974.

ALPINE ASCENTS. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,- No one will dispute the moral you draw in your article of vesterday from Mr. Whymper's account of the accident on the Matterhorn. Allow me to suggest another viz., that in all mountain expeditions involving risk one man of the party should be invested with the authority and responsibil-ities of captain. It would obviously fall within his province to put a veto on the further advance of any one of the party who might show symptoms of failing powers, to decide where a choice of routes was open, to enforce all due precautions as to the tying of the party with proper ropes at proper distances. &c.; to give with authority the necessary cautions to the less experienced climbers, and to check anything like rashness or carelessness on their part. Suppose that on the late occasion Mr. Whymper had been invested with this sort of authority, we may surmise that he would have thought it right to prevent Mr. Hadow's going on when he observed that his experience seemed inadequate to the work. We may feel certain that he would not only have suggested but enforced the precaution of attaching ropes to the rocks, to aid the descent at certain points. In either case, the accident

would probably not have happened. Let me

ON THIS DAY

August 12, 1865

Edward Whymper (1840-1911) made the first ascent of the Matterhorn (14,692 ft) on July 13, 1865. A terrible tragedy occurred on the descent - four of his companions fell to their deaths.

not he understood as implying the faintest shadow of blame to Mr. Whymper under the actual circumstances. He had no command over the rest of the party: it would be cruel injustice to throw on him a responsibility which could only arise out of such command That he did all he could, his well-carned reputation for skill and caution, as well as courage in moumain work, and, I may add. the manly and feeling tone of his letter, form an ample guarantee. The moral simply is that the most tried abilities and the best will may he present in vain, where "what is everybody's business becomes nobody's business.

It may be asked, is not the guide, or the chief guide if there are more than one, the natural leader of the party? I should say that no guide could take the command of a party in the full sense I mean — except, of course, where he was conducting mere novices, which is not the sort of case I contemplate . . . It is enough to say that the guide's position is an anomalous one. On one side the littest of all, from skill and experience, to lead, on the other side he is but the servant of the party. Hence you may have from him outspoken advice, warning and remonstrance, but you will not have the decisive exercise of authority. I am well aware that the choice of a captain may often be a delicate matter, and his duties when chosen disagreeable, and requiring some moral courage to perform. Still, as to the first point - put the only difficult case, where two or more skilled mountaineers of equal pretensions are of the party, at the worst they can draw lots, or can take the command m rotation - while the sanction of usage once iven to the captain's position, we need not fear the lack of moral courage to perform the duties among the type of men whose qualities and performances are likely to point them out for the post.

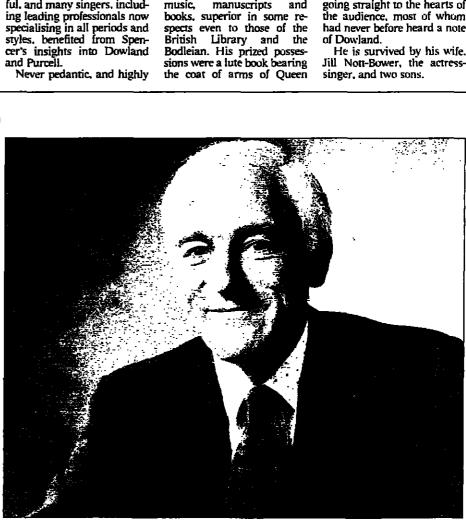
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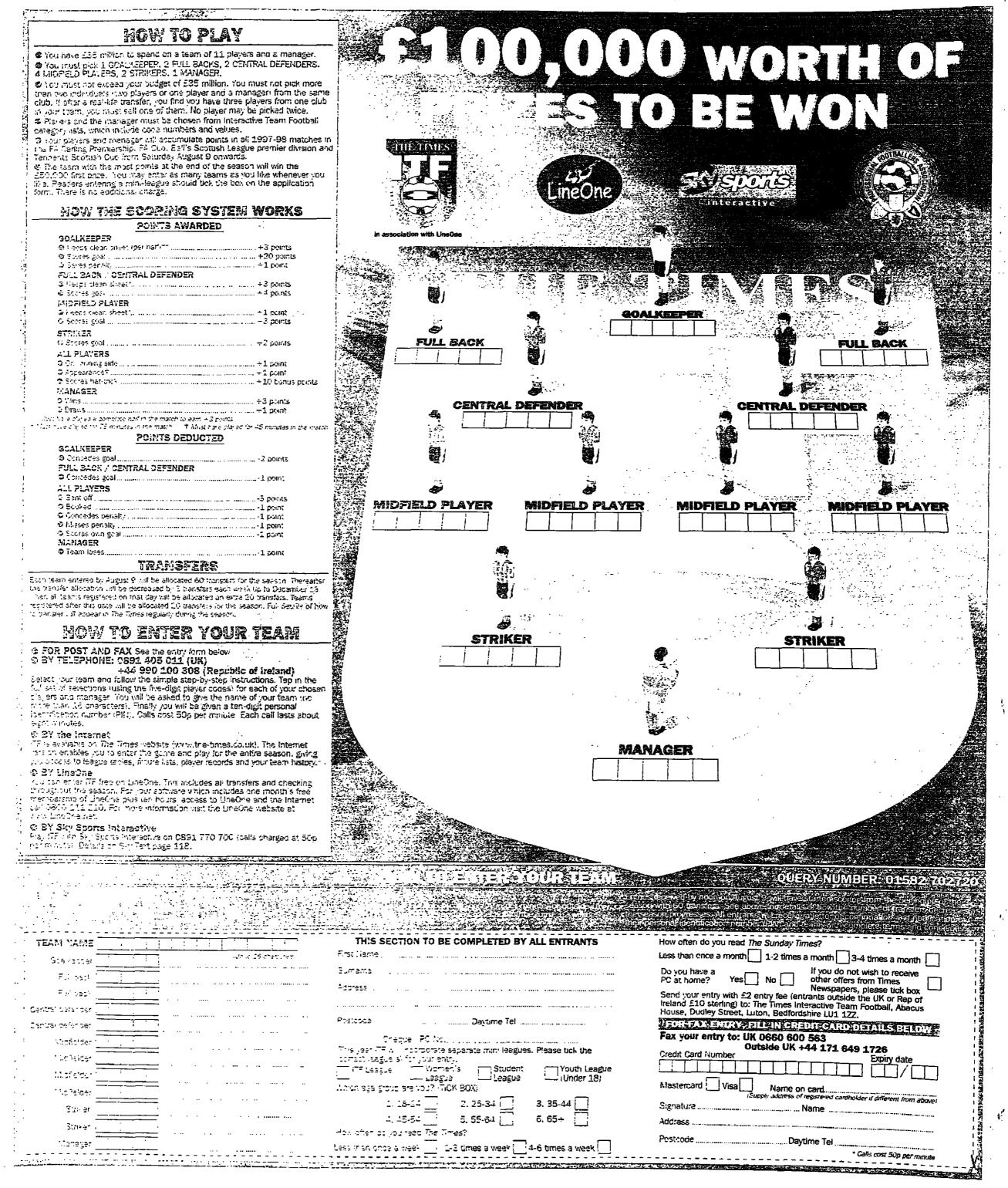
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NEWS

Nolan inquiry into Lords' interests

■ Lord Nolan is expected to launch the first investigation into standards in the House of Lords after hundreds of peers failed to register their financial interests.

Barely half of the 600 regular attenders have listed any consultancies or directorships, including Lord Parkinson, the Conservative Party Chairman who was in the forefront of the Opposition's campaign against Lord Simon of Highbury over his failure to declare his £2 million BP shareholding Page 1

6,000 sex offenders on register

Six thousand names will go on to the national sex offenders' register immediately it comes into effect at the beginning of next month, the Home Office said. A further 3,500 names are expected to be added every year to the register, which will be

Cruiser hits bridge

Twenty-seven people, including nine Britons, were injured, one seriously, when a cruiser on the Seine rammed the Pont Royale in Paris after an electronic naviga-.... Page i tion error ...

Helicopter crash

At least two men died when their chartered Bell Jet Ranger helicopter crashed in flames beside the M6 near Lancaster. No vehicles were hit by debris and traffic continued to flow

Prescott intervenes

John Prescott surprisingly intervened in Foreign Office affairs by ordering an investigation into why five young African priests have been refused visas to visitPage 2 Britain....

Essex jokes are off

Essex council is to counter the feckless image of Essex Man and his high-heeled moll which is undermining investment opportunities in the county......Page 3

Prayer for Dana

A pilgrimage to Knock turned into a political rally when Roman Catholics asked God to make the former singer Dana the next President of Ireland..... Page 4

The lying camera

The Press Complaints Commission was urged to review its code of practice after The Mirror faked a picture of Diana, Princess of Wales with Dodi Fayed Page 5

NHS loss leaders

Drug companies are milking the NHS by selling hospitals costly brand-name products at a discount knowing that patients will insist on the same drugs from their GPs later

Football crazy

The rules of football were codified in 1862 as The Simplest Game, our series on Victorian Britain explains. The FA Cup was established in 1872 and quickly became immensely popular......Page 7

With 14,297 performances on the

Edinburgh Festival fringe alone, performances are taking place anywhere and everywhere - including in a lorry and a jellyshaped nylon tent Pages 8, 15 Rat paradise

The city of Wroclaw in Poland has been taken over by rats as the Oder floodwaters recede. They are so well fed that the rat-catchers cannot tempt them Page 9

Peace progress American efforts to revive the Middle East peace process made headway as Israeli and Palestinian intelligence chiefs met amid Palestinian protests Page 10

Red-hot sex files

Two months before Indian independence sensational files on the sex lives of the maharajahs were burnt by the Raj because they lent themselves to blackmail...Page 11

The King is dead — long live the King

Thousands of British Elvis fans and impersonators will be at Graceland, the Presley mansion in Memphis, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the death of the King this Saturday. The Elvis afficionados will journey on to Los Angeles and Hawaii where the official British fan club will treat four couples to an Elvis and Priscilla-style "Hawaiian Blue" weuding Page 3



The Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry disembarking from Britannia on their way to Balmoral yesterday

BUSINESS

Swiss victory: Martin Ebner, the Swiss financier who is keen to reorganise the country's moribund financial services sector, had his first victory as Credit Suisse and Winterthur Group announced their intention to merge Page 23

Watchdog: Howard Davies, the chairman of the new super City watchdog, has moved swiftly to fill senior postsPage 23 Pressing: United Utilities will to-

day be pressed to name a departure date for its executive chairman, Sir Desmond PitcherPage 23 Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose

0.6 points to close at 5031.9. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 101.3 to 102.1 after a rise from \$1.5787 to \$1.5904 and from DM2-9249 to DM2-9489 ... Page 26

SPORT

Cricket: Despite the Ashes series defeat England's management intends to offer Michael Atherton the captaincy in the West Indies this winter, probably with Adam Hollioake as his deputy.... Page 44 Football: Manchester United have signed Henning Berg from Blackburn Rovers for £5 million. Liverpool have given John Barnes a free

Rugby union: Bath have joined the hunt for Gregor Townsend, the Scotland and British Isles stand-off half, who now seems certain to

leave Northampton......Page 41 Motor racing: Damon Hill is on holiday after his remarkable drive in the Hungarian Grand Prix which so nearly brought a totally unexpected victory.... Page 42

Garden omement: The powerful sculptures of Stephen Cox are en-

riching Sir John Soanes's Dulwich

Picture Gallery inside and out in a bold initiative _____ Page 14 Solo flight: The young pianist Evgeny Kissin made history as the first solo performer to give a fulllength recital at the Proms - but the results were mixed Page 14

Fringe forward: Benedict Nightingale awards Edinburgh's first theatre honours to The Suicide at the Traverse, Nikolai Erdman's satire banned by Stalin......Page 15

Rite stuff: The honour of conducting the opening concert of the Edinburgh Festival went to Pierre Boulez, with a thrilling performance of Ravel, Bartok - and

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STYLE

Denim is back . . .

skirts - but it has

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Joy of Lourdes: Sue Corrigan was sceptical about Lourdes, but when

she took her severely disabled son on a pilgrimage there, she found joy and compassion Page 12 Club life: Jason Cowley reports on New York's club kids, a group of narcotised nihilists who did not tell police when one of their leaders confessed to murder Page 13

It's in the post: Rodney Hobson reports on growing hopes in the small business community that what is being called a "£20 billion scandal", the problem of late payment, is being tackled Page 30

Body check: An artist has been charged with stealing body parts but the laws on disposal of human remains are vague ____ Page 33 Children at war: Rwanda has a rare and delicate problem: what does it do with thousands of child-

ren accused of involvement in war

Failed decolonisations, so numer-

atrocities?

ous since the 1960s, do not all happen in the same way. Far from stifling the nationalist sentiment. poverty can exacerbate it. Moreover, the loss of loentity can inspire an irresistable nostalgia for a return to the empire - Le Figaro

Debra Winger, why not Newsnight with Chris Evans? Page 43 Registers and rights

Proview: Cadfael: The Rose Rent: Derek Jacobi dons the monk's hab-

it to solve another brutal murder in medieval England (ITV 8.30pm)

Review: If ITV can produce docu-

mentaries with Hollywood stars

like In The Wild: Pandas with

in operating the paedophile register it is hugely difficult to strike the right balance between protecting children and liberties, but the Government seems to have chosen a properly modest and moderate Page 17 position ...

Democratic deficit

A stiff course of house training lies ahead for Asia's younger tigers. Since Thailand let the baht float or, more accurately, sink - greater. realism has abruptly begun to temper the almost mystical faith of international investors in the management of the region's economies

All creatures

The search for exone species does not lie simply in the past. It continues into the future...... Page 17

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Maybe all the prevailing violence and machismo of popular culture appeals only because we have grown so wet in real life ... Page 16:

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ANATOLE KALETSKY

One lesson, which laymen often forget to their great cost, can be drawn: there is no such thing as financial gravity; in financial markets what goes up does not necessarily come downPage 16

Donald Crichton-Miller, former

headmaster, Drum Matthews, geophysicist; Robert Spencer,

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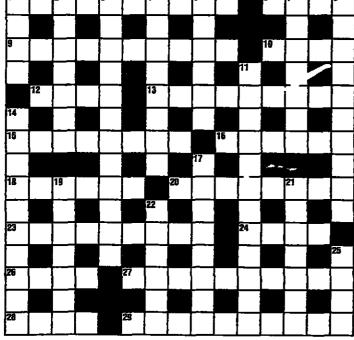
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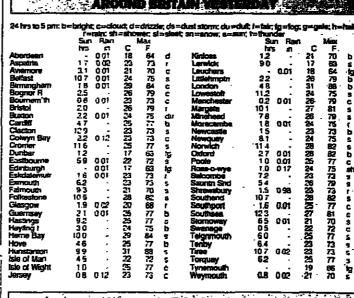
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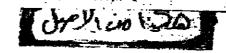
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TUESDAY AUGUST 12 1997

Stability wins the day as market fears ebb away

FINANCIAL EDITOR

A DAY anticipated with fear on world financial markets, after last week's sudden break in price trends, passed off peacefully as investors and traders opted for stability rather than speculation.

In the UK, further evidence confirmed sterling's recent strength has quelled any inflationary pressure on manufacturers. But the British Retail Consortium (BRC) reported the fastest monthly growth in sales since October as some consumers spent windfalls from conversion of building

foreign exchanges, the dollar and sterling recovered from their retreat on Friday, but traders made no attempt to fight against the change of direction of the mark and the yen. The Sterling Index rose from 101.3 to 102.1 as the pound regained a cent against the dollar, to \$1.59, and two pfennigs against the mark to DM 2.95.

Blue chip shares opened sharply lower after Friday's late fall on Wall Street, but recovered quickly in the absence of specula-tive selling. Instead, buyers came back for smaller companies and manufacturers. The FTSE 100 index was virtually unchanged on

companies made modest gains. Gilt-edged slipped in quiet trading.

In New York, the dollar retrieved a little of Friday's loss against the and securities ended flat. The long bond and share prices had fallen by noon. Shares also fell on the Continent, but only in Japan was there any marked drop, the Nikkei index down 4 per cent, or 780 points, at 18,828.

The BRC registered like-for-like retail sales 5.2 per cent higher by value in July than a year ago and 4.8 per cent in the past three months. The growth rate has recovered since the spring but is still lower than a

up on summer clothes in the July sales. The BRC suggests that spending of windfalls boosted home decorating and one-off items such as computers. Adding in new stores and extra selling space, the value of July sales was 8.2 per cent up on a year ago.

Strong sterling, which has deprived London stores of tourist business, has again helped manufacturers control costs. Input prices fell a further 0.4 per cent (seasonally adjusted) in July, making an annual cut of per cent. up from 8.6 per cent in June. Producers' output prices disappointed most analysts by rising 0.2 per cent in July.

to 1.4 per cent. The average City forecaster projected an annual rise of 1.2 per cent. All the rise was, however, attributed to rises in taxes and excise duties, notably the latest Budget levy on petrol. So the sole

evidence of inflationary pressure was firms

ability to pass these taxes on. Excluding

food, drink, tobacco and petrol, factory gate prices were unchanged in July. That left annual output price inflation at 0.6 per cent. Retail price inflation is today expected to have risen in July, mainly due to mortgages.

Sighs of relief, page 27

Financier forces big Swiss merger

MARTIN EBNER, the maverick Swiss financier with a self-imposed mission to reorganise his country's moribund financial services sector, scored his first victory yesterday as Credit Suisse, the investment bank, and Winterthur Group, the insurer, announced their intention to merge:

The move catapults the bank over its closest rivals SBC and UBS and will create one of the biggest financial services providers in the world with 15 million customers, a market capitalisation of E21 billion and £294 billion under management. It accelerates the trend towards bancassurance, which is blurring the traditional distinctions beiween financial services

Mr Ebner, who controls a 25 per cent stake in Winterthur through his BZ Trust, last week put pressure on the companies to get together. He threatened that he might mount a full takeover bid for the insurer and then, if Credit Suisse would not buy it, seek another bank as a partner. This compelled Winterthur. which signed a strategic alliance with Credit Suisse last year, to invite the bank to formalise the relationship.

Credit Suisse, however, was keen to play down Mr Ebner's role in bringing the two companies together, saying the potential for further ties had become clear over the course of their co-operation. Lukas Mühlemann, chief executive



of the combined group, said: The merger is a powerful, forward looking response to developments in the financial services market. The Group will open up far-reaching op-portunities to leverage multiple distribution channels to better serve our customers. while creating lasting value for shareholders."

Credit Suisse said the merg er would generate between £126 million and £147 million (300-350 million Swiss francs) in cost savings. It would also balance a more stable stream of insurance income against its own more erratic earnings from banking. Both factors would offset the initial dilution effect of the merger, it said. Salomon Brothers forecast earnings per share for the combined group of 11.9 per cent this year, rising to 12.1 per cent in 1998.

Credit Suisse revealed its half-year profits early, saying it expected a 70 per cent improvement on last year, to around Swil.4 billion.

The merger is proposed as a share exchange, offering 7.3 Credit Suisse shares for each Winterthur share. This represents a 7 per cent premium to the average price of the last 30 days and 36 per cent more than the market price three months ago, before Mr Ebner

started agitating.

BZ Group described the move as "a reasonable industrial solution done at a fair price". If approved by BZ Group and other shareholders on September 5. Winterthur will become a third sector of the Credit Suisse Group, taking over CS Life, while retaining its brand and operational independence. Some 500 jobs will go without redundancies.

Analysts predicted the move could trigger further consoli-dation in Swiss financial services. The synergies arising from the merger give Credit Suisse an immediate competitive edge over its closest rivals. UBS and SBC.

Credit Suisse could face problems in the US, where regulations prohibit banks and insurance companies from owning each other.



Rainer Gut, left, president of Credit Suisse, shakes hands with Peter Spaelti, chief executive of Winterthur, in Zurich yesterday as the merger was agreed

Davies seeks key super-SIB staff

By Robert Miller BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HOWARD DAVIES, the chairman of the new super City watchdog, has moved swiftly to fill senior posts to oversee the creation of the new regulatory body to protect investors' money.

Mr Davies, the former depugovernor of the Bank of ngland, has appointed Saxton Bampfylde, the headhunter, to interview candidates for an all-powerful four-strong executive committee, which Mr Davies will chair. Competition

By NATHAN YATES

A REPUBLIC in the South

Pacific has outflanked British

businessmen in the rush to

cash in on the dawn of the

Entrepreneurs, including

Norris McWhirter, the

Guinness Book of Records

mastermind, have bought

rights to the highest points of Pitt Island, off New Zealand,

cited by the Royal Observa-

tory as the first land to catch

the sun on New Millennium

new millennium.

for the four key posts is expected to be keen with a number of outsider throwing their hats into the ring.

The new committee will dominate the creation of Newro (the New Regulatory Organisation) which will replace the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog. The frontline regulators that police fund managers, retailers sell-ing direct to the public and brokers and futures dealers will be part of what has been dubbed the new super-SIB as will those regulating building

Day. Thousands of tourists

are expected to flock there on

But the Republic of Kiribati

has redrawn the international

dateline so that a tiny unin-habited outpost will now

catch the first glimpse of new

millennium sunlight - Caro-

line Island will see dawn 22

minutes earlier than Pitt. Yes-

terday a Kiribati radio report

claimed that the Government

is to underline this fact by

changing Caroline's name to

Millennium Island.

December 31, 1999.

insurance companies. Since taking up his Newro

oost on August I, Mr Davies has also decided to bring in new external consultants to replace Westminster Strategy. a long-time SIB adviser. The first appointment to the Newro committee is likely to

be Michael Foot, the Bank of England's head of banking supervision, who will move his 500-strong staff over to the new watchdog next year. Mr Foot will play a key role in the establishment of the new allembracing regulator. Andrew

Island sees light with millennium coup

The move is a blow to

several British businessmen

who have rented vantage

points on Pitt. The Millenni-

um Adventure Company, run

by Mr McWhirter, is among

those hoping to strike lucra-tive leasing deals with tour

operators and individual mil-

Travel companies, such as

STA Travel, have organised millennium tours to Pitt and

nearby Gisborne City on the

New Zealand mainland. They

also stand to lose as Caroline

nnium dawn-seekers.

and a former Treasury mandarin, is another strong contender to join the Newro executive committee.

it is understood, however, that the chief executive's role will be solit with one looking after day-to-day management. including personnel and administration, while another will focus on supervision and surveillance of City firms. Another name being tipped to ioin the new committee is Richard Kilsby, a respected Stock Exchange director. In a letter to City watchdogs

Island's status as the first to

Observatory, there is little that

tour operators or Mr McWhirter can do. "The

dateline system is a social

convention rather than an

international law," said Dr

Robin Catchpole. "Kiribati is

Stretching the dateline is

likely to produce a surge in

tourism revenue for Kiribati.

The South Pacific is the top

destination for the millenni-

perfectly free to do this . . .

According to the Royal

see the dawn is publicised.

explaining the role of the new committee, Mr Davies says that he wants to be fair to all the constituent parts of Newro and the nine diverse bodies that it will include. Equally, the former deputy governor has said that those regulatory

executives already in place will have "first crack of the whip" in the selection process. All senior Newro board appointments will have to be approved by the Treasury and, for the time being, the Bank of England.

um celebrations," one travel

agent said. "We have already

taken bookings, and there's

no question that people want

to be the first to see the dawn."

Royal Observatory, those cel-

ebrating millennium eve in

the South Pacific will be

misguided. "Scientifically

speaking, the true turn of the

year is at midnight Green-

wich Mean Time. Dr Catch

pole said. "And the earliest

year 2000 dawn is September 22, 1999 at the South Pole."

However, according to the

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Departure date sought for Pitcher

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

UNITED UTILITIES will today be pressed to name a departure date for its beleapuered executive chairman. Sir Desmond Pitcher.

At an emergency board meeting directors will hear details of the unrest from institutional investors gathered at meetings with shareholders which, it emerged yesterday, have been conducted by more than one non-

executive director. The board is expected to hear complaints from shareholders collected from meetngs with Sir Peter Middleton, the BZW chairman and senior

United non-executive director. One source close to the company said: "A number of shareholders are leaning on the board for an immediate decision on the date." It is thought that a departure by the next annual meeting July 1998 — would be

acceptable. Meanwhile the executive chairman, who had wanted to retire in the year 2000, has cancelled holiday plans.

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Pan Andean in talks

PAN ANDEAN, the Dublin oil explorer whose shares have

endured a white-knuckle ride over the past 12 months, down

from 1352p to 262p, yesterday announced that it is in talks

with four international oil companies over a joint drilling

with nour international our companies over a joint uniting venture in Bolivia. The company, which saw £35 million wiped off its market value last year when a drilling programme in Bolivia failed to find oil, still believes that hydrocarbons exist in its Chapare exploration block.

Yesterday's statement came in the wake of Pan Andean's traw with RHP, the Australian recourses group, which

row with BHP, the Australian resources group, which resulted in their Bolivan joint venture being abandoned this year. The dispute began when BHP refused to start drilling

this year. Pan Andean also reported full-year pre-tax losses of £110,000, compared to £143,000 in the previous year.

over Bolivian oil

Eurodollar board backs £95m American bid

By Adam Jones

THE board of EuroDollar, the carrental agency that shocked investors with a profits slump after flotation in 1994. has recommended a £95.1 million bid by Republic Industries. the US group chaired by Wayne Huizenga. the garbage-to-videos bil-

Yesterday, Republic said it had bought 29.9 per cent of EuroDollar in the open market. It has undertakings from directors relating to another 13 per cent and is unlikely to fail in the

bid. The offer of 190p per share cash, with a loan note alternative, represents a premium of 60 per cent to EuroDollar's closing price last Fri-day. One big shareholder likely to accept said yesterday: "We're not disgusted by the offer."

EuroDollar was listed in 1994 at an offer price of 220p. Pre-tax profits fell from £14.6 million to £4 million after flotation following a collapse in the resale value of its fleet.

Institutions who picked the shares up cheaply include Gartmore, NatWest's fund management arm.

and Schroders, Mercury Asset Management is another big shareholder.
The Huizenga family made their money through rubbish collection, starting the Ace Scavenger Service in 1894. The company became Waste Management, which attracted con-troversy in the 1980s for misdemeanours including pollution

violations and price-fixing. Mr Huizenga is a former chairman of Blockbuster Video and is regarded as having turned round Republic's previously see-sawing

performance. He is a keen sports fan,

owning the the Amercian football team, the Miami Dolphins.

Republic's interests include Alamo Rent-A-Car and National Car Rental, as well as financial and security services. Geoff Corbett, of Republic, said the management of EuroDollar would be retained. He said Euro Dollar had tamed the volatility that led to the profits slump through guaranteed repurchase programmes. Euro-Dollar has about 15 per cent of the UK rental market, he said, adding that Republic wanted to increase the number of foreigners renting

through the company. He said 95 per cent of EuroDollar's customers are from the UK. Alamo already has some offices in the UK, but Mr Corbett said there would be no problem of one business growing at the expense of the other. EuroDollar's weaker US franchise, Dollar. may be rebranded.

Ian Moseley, chief executive, will receive nearly £4 million for his holdings. Other directors have holdings ranging from 1.4 million shares to 1.6 million. The shares closed at 188p; up 69 2p.

Friendly Tigers seek conversion

THE prospect of the first rug-by union side to float on the stock market moved closer yesterday when Leicester FC, one of the leading teams in the

owned by 9,000 members who pay £200 a year each to watch the team. But Peter Wheeler, the former England player who is now the club's chief executive, wants to raise £3 million to develop the Welford Road ground. He believes a further £4 million is needed to build up commercial activities. He has appointed HSBC Merchant Bank and KPMG. the accountant, to advise on

out a stock market float, but its finances suggest other meth-ods may be better. It has a wage bill of more than £1.5 mil-

ly, Wasps is owned by Loftus Road, an AIM company, London Scottish and London Irish raised money through private placings, and Saracens, Gloucester and New castle have wealthy benefact-ors. Sheffield Eagles recently became the first rugby league club to float on the AIM.

tions in the US and France,

would further its position in

Nuway specialises in the des-

ign and manufacture of high-

performance flooring. Last

year, it made operating profits

of £1.3 million on sales of about

£8 million. Its net assets were worth about £2 million. The cost

of integrating Nuway is estimat-

tive, said the deal "underlines

our commitment

Jim Heilig, L&B chief execu-

ed to be £1 million.

the floor coverings sector:

Courage League, announced plans to convert to a ple.

Leicester — nicknamed the Tigers — is a friendly society.

fundraising options. The first step is to ask members to agree to convert to a plc, a move re quiring a 75 per cent majority. "Conversion to ple status will put us in a position to ex-ploit new sources of finance and further enhance the status of Leicester Tigers," said Mr Wheeler. The club will not rule

ion but latest accounts show income of only £1 million. Although no rugby union clubs are quoted independent-

Marley expands in US MARLEY, the building materials group, is buying Flexco, the Alabama flooring business of Robbins Inc, for £24.8 million (\$39.2 million). Marley said that the company, which made an operating profit of \$5.4 million last year on sales of \$35.7 million, would strengthen its business in North America and provide it with a complementary product range. The assets being bought had a book value of \$12.5 million at the end of last year.

Cortworth up to £5.4m

CORTWORTH, the specialist engineering company that agreed to a £97 million takeover bid by the Kuwaiti-owned BY Group last month, reported an increase in pre-tax profits from £5 million to £5.4 million. Earnings per share went up from 7.1p to 7.9p in the six months to June 30. The shares stand at 1922p. 32p below BI's offer. The company said. Due to the terms of the BI Group offer, the results have been produced on the basis that no interim dividend will be paid."

Diagonal advances

DIAGONAL, the IT services group that floated on the stock exchange in March, yesterday reported an 82 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, from £789,000 to £1.42 million, for the six months to June. Turnover was up 41 per cent, from £12.6 million to £17.8 million, and earnings per share rose from 2.7p to 3.8p. An interim dividend of 0.8p is due October 3. Mark Samuels, Diagonal's executive chairman, said that the company was expanding to meet demand.

Clyde Blowers' revision

SHARES in Clyde Blowers dropped 30p to 330p yesterday after the engineering group revised its sales forecast for the next year, reducing it by £2 million because of the strength of the pound. Sales in the year to Angust 1996 reached £45 million. Clyde said the strength of sterling had strongly affected its Richard. Sistem and Sturtevant/vac-U-Max businesses, part of the materials handling division. In the last quarter Clyde said it had dropped £3 million of turnover.

Rexam switches payout

REXAM, the paper and packaging group, believes it will save around £3 million in recovered advance corporation tax by paying its first interim dividend of £9375p as a foreign income dividend. Rexam also said that it will pay the halfyearly fixed dividend on the convertible preference shares as a foreign income dividend. The company said is intends to pay a second interim dividend on November 5 to the holders of ordinary shares.

Style to cut dash on AIM

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STYLE HOLDINGS, the retailer of branded menswear, is joining the Alternative Investment Market and expects dealings to begin on August 26. Shore Capital Stockbrokers is the nominated adviser and broker. It recently completed a \$4.4 million private placing for Style, raising almost £3 million. Style plans to expand its 12-store Envy retail chain, begun in 1992, and has identified another 20 sites. Style's has 124 shop inshops in 118 host outlets, mostly Burton Top Man stores.

Optometrics improves

OPTOMETRICS, the engineering group, reported a full-year net loss of \$259,936 (£153,000) in the year to March 31, an improvement from the previous \$767,972 loss. Losses per share fell from 7.4Ic to 2.50c. Frank Denton, chairman, said the company moved into profit in the first quarter this year and current trends in order bookings, along with new products launches, should give a strong second half. He said that the fullyear loss was mainly due to the phase-out of Euro Biosystems.

Emap in Australian deal

EMAP, the publisher, is to buy Mason Stewart Publishing and Bounty Services, both of Australia, for about £5 million subject to Australian regulatory approval. Both companies have long been licensees of Emap titles such as Smash Hits, Slumming and Mother and Baby. Philip Mason, founder of Mason Stewart, will be chairman of the new company; Arthur Rateman Bounter founder will be an advisor to Pounty. Bateman, Bounty's founder, will be an adviser to Bounty.

Ascot's French sale

ASCOT HOLDINGS, the diversified industrial group, yesterday sold its Clearplas France schedulary, acquired last August, for Fr85 million (£8.56 million) to Key Plastics of the US. Net assets amounted to Fr38 million and the pre-tax profit reached Fr8.5 million. Ascorpabili receive Fr66 million in cash and Fr19 million by repayment of group debt. Ascot said that "further divestments are planned"

Asians and **IMF** put £10bn into **Thailand**

THE world's second largest economic rescue took shape vesterday as the International Monetary Fund and several nations led by Japan offered Thailand \$16 billion (£10 billion) in loans to shore up the troubled baht currency.

It is the largest package offered to a single country since the IMF and other donors led by America made nearly \$40 billion available to Mexico during the 1995 currency crisis.

The loans would give Thailand the foreign exchange reserves it needs to fill in the black holes left by the collapse of the baht last month. The offer came as Thailand began strict economic reforms, including cutting government spending, raising taxes and closing dozens of troubled finance companies.

Japan and the IMF will each provide \$4 billion in loans. Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore will provide \$1 billion each. while South Korea and Indo-

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nesia will lend \$500 million each. The other \$3 billion will come from the World Bank. the Asia Development Bank and maybe China. Germany, Britain. France and Canada also sent officials to the IMF meeting in Tokyo yesterday but did not offer contributions. Thailand gave no official

reaction and share prices on its stock market slid 0.72 per cent in subdued trading.

For years, Thailand had boasted one of the world's

fastest growing economies. But in early July the baht fell sharply, exacerbating prob-lems in the financial industry caused by falling property prices and bad loans. Free market economic poli-

cies in the late 1980s produced average annual growth rates of more than 9 per cent, but these policies also triggered a speculative property boom in which investors built more buildings than they could fill and lenders poured money into projects doomed to fail. The Bank of Thailand has already injected \$14.5 billion into the country's troubled

finance sector. When the Government floated the baht currency, it promptly lost 20 per cent against the dollar. The flotawas intended to mak Thai exports more competitive. Soon afterward, the currencies of Malaysia and the Philippines fell, causing some investors to lower their expectations of economic growth in South-East Asia.

Yesterday the Malaysian ringgit continued to fall against the US dollar, hitting a 42-month low. The ringgit sank to a low of 2.7430 per dollar, its weakest since February 1994. The currency has remained under pressure since plunging 2 per cent on Friday shortly after Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, said he was happy with the ringgit's level.

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Peter Wheeler is ready to tackle a change of stripes for the Leicester Tigers

By A Correspondent

A HIGH-TECH American firm is to bring 300 jubs to Scotland. Altatron, based in California, is to set up an £8 million plant in Lanarkshire. where the jobs will be created over three years.

manufacture and research". The project was won by

Altatron creates 300 | Low & Bonar pays jobs with new plant | £11m for Nuway

The company will occupy part of the Hamilton International Technology Park, which is expected to be operational by October. The news was welcomed by Malcolm Chisholm, the Scottish Office Minister, who said it "adds to Scotland's reputation as a world centre for electronics

Locate in Scotland, the joint Scottish Office and Scottish Enterprise inward investment agency, working in partnership with Lanarkshire Development Agency and Akeler (Scotland), the developers.

Ray Warrington, Altatron corporate development vicepresident, said: "We chose Scotland because of its proximity to suppliers and customers and its logistics infrastructure." ☐ A further 100 jobs are

expected to be created by Stannifer Developments in Aberdeen, with plans for a retail warehouse with fastfood restaurant.

By Chris Ayres

SHARES in Low & Bonar, the Nuway, which also has opera-Dundee packaging and plastics group, continued their slow recovery yesterday, rising 72p to 2482p after the company reported the £11 million acquisition of Nuway Manufacturing from BTR, the engineering conglomerate.

Low & Bonar's shares, which had reached a high of 574p last year, crashed to a low of 205p last month after the company gave up its contract to supply Kelloggs with break-fast food packets because of

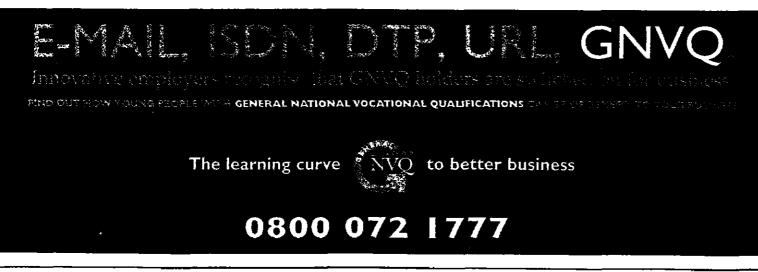
high capital costs. The company said the pur-chase of Telford-based

repositioning the group with an increased emphasis on our speciality business". **Dublin** move

UNITED Airlines is to move most of its European reservation activity to Dublin. The company will phase out its London, Frankfurt, Paris, Zu-rich and Amsterdam reservation units over the next year. United has offered the 170

for US airline

employees affected by the change the opportunity to relocate to Dublin. It will be open seven days a week and is expected to employ 200 people by 2000. The reservations centre is being grant-assisted by the Industrial Develop-



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for several weeks. As logic gave way to trend, the odds have grown that it could end in tears.

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Speculators buying dollars to chase the rising interest rates they expected the Federal Reserve Board to impose gave way to other speculators as inflation failed to accelerate. The new buyers of dollars were chasing falling bond interest rates as Alan Greenspan, the Fed's chairman, became a born-again be-liever in America's productivity miracle and stopped talking down the rampant share price boom on Wall Street.

Currency speculators selling marks against the prospect of a widely-drawn soft euro gave way to speculators selling the mark against the weak German con-omy. They were daring the Bundesbank to act with un-

employment rising.
In the UK, prices of blue chips were rising sharply when in-terest rates were rising, when sterling's strength was hitting profits and when City forecasts of company earnings growth were falling month by month. Not surprisingly, the main buyers were continental fund managers chas-ing sterling as much as UK equities. So a big gulf has grown between the top bank, insurance and drug shares that are inter-

Meltdown is put on ice

nationally traded and the rest whose shares have stagnated. The trouble with such cur rency/asset price spirals is that they are mutually supporting. Once they go too far or are flung into reverse by official action or miscalculation, who knows what will happen? The sudden reversal of currency trends on Thurs-day and Friday caused flutters in the stoutest investors' hearts. If there was going to be a crash,

this could be the trigger.

Aside from Tokyo following Friday's flutter on Wall Street, yesterday was remarkably quiet on the markets. If overshoots on the foreign exchange and the foreign exchange in the foreign exchange in the first one of the foreign exchange in the the foreign exchange markets can be unravelled without bouncing into a new and opposite trend, millions of investors will be able to sleep more soundly through sweaty August nights and fund managers will not have to fly back from the Riviera. Like the reformed alcoholic the more terminal between the more terminal ter holic, the markets will have to take it one day at a time.

in the UK, at least, the Bank of England announcement that hit

sterling offers hopes for asset

prices. If the Bank abjures any

further rise in base rates for at

term rates are pretty near their near-term peak, as Liffe projec-tions suggest, then the stock marker's second-worst fear is dispelled. A gentle relapse of sterling would limit its third worry. That leaves blue chips and gilt-edged vulnerable to a crash but underwrites neglected second-rank stocks.

Davies sends out a search party

t is good to see that Howard Davies has lost no time in starting the search for his key directors to establish the new City regulator. The obvious names are already in the frame and include Andrew Winckler. the chief executive of the SIB, and Michael Foot from the Bank of England. Mr Davies has in-

dicated that those who are alkeast three months, and if shortready in the world of regulation will be considered first and in the case of the aforementioned names that is as it should be.

COMMENTARY

by our City Editor

London maintains its position as

one of the world's top three

trading centres, requires an executive committee member who is respected by the markets but

knows their weak points. Rich-

ard Kilsby is one person who

could fill the role more than

adequately.

Equally Mr Davies should not

be afraid to draw on the existing

watchdogs and ask them to move

academics with no practical

experience of what it really

means to be a City watchdog on

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a great deal to offer.

In studying the short-list of candidates for the other rwo posts on his executive committee. however, Mr Davies would be doing himself, and the cause of regulation, a great deal of good by spreading the recruitment net as widely as possible. For example, the new City watchdog will have to redraw its

relationship with a whole raft of key London markets, including the metal, petroleum and other commodity exchanges as well as the Stock Exchange itself. In future there must be no question but that Newro, or whatever more punchy name it might assume, is the undisputed ruler

To do that, and to ensure that

But if he is to build the team he needs to fill the smart new headquarters he has still to find, he will have to address the vexatious question of City salaries. If the pay is not up to scratch, the right people will not be tempted to join the new team.

Scope for more summer visions

artin Ebner appears to have employed threats as well as promises in persuading two leading Swiss institutions that they would like to join forces for their mutual benefit, and his. In the past, Credit Suisse had

indicated that a full scale merger In that case senior figures such as Richard Farrant, Nick with Winterthur lacked particu-Durlacher, Colette Bowe and lar attraction. More recently, the two have been talking but Mr Ebner may have feared that they even Phillip Thorpe, the enfant terrible of regulation, must have might still have failed to appre-What Mr Davies certainly ciate each other's finer features. So last week he leapt into print does not need on his trail-blazing with something he romannically executive committee is a bunch of

entitled "Summer Visions". In this newsletter for shareholders in his investment businesses. Mr Ebner mused on

three possible scenarios for Winterthur, in which he happens to have around a quarter of the shares. Credit Suisse might choose to bid for Winterthur: he might opt to buy the entire business, or Winterthur might find another powerful insurance

group to be its partner. The two companies may have dismissed such thoughts as the ramblings of a megalomaniac money man. Alternatively, the pair may have viewed two out of three of the options as deeply undesirable and decided to make

haste to cement the third. If only other leading investors could be persuaded to put their thoughts on paper in this manner. Shareholders would surely appreciate a regular update on the thoughts of MAM. for

Over-dressed

FROM Wales comes word that certain textile workers are in danger of breaking bones trip-ping over piles of garments which look suspiciously like spring and summer stock and are therefore destined never to be welcome in the stores. The labels in the frocks bear the legend Laura Ashley. And the numbers of sad summery garments indicate that next week's trading statement could be extremely

Ladbroke given licence for new London casino

By DOMINIC WALSH

LADBROKE Group, hothy tipped as a bidder for the troubled casino operator Capital Corporation, has been granted a licence to open a £2 million casino at London's St Giles Hotel, the capital's first

new licence for nine years. There were suggestions that the move diminished the and the Colony Club. Ladbroke emerged as a likely suitor after last week's decision by the President of the Board of Trade to block a £190

chances of a bid for Capital. which operates Crockfords

million bid for Capital from London Clubs International. But most analysts were adamant a move on Capital

was unaffected. One said:

"The new licence is aimed at licence to Ladbroke - the the lower end of the market, whereas Crockfords and the Colony Club are aimed at high-rollers. I would say it leaves open the possibility of an approach for Capital."

Another said: "This is a

coup for Ladbroke, which has effectively gained a new casino licence for nothing. But Capital's two licences are in a different league and my money is still on Capital being taken out by Ladbroke." Shareholders in Capital, still suffering the consequences of lax controls by past management, are oinning their hopes on a bid from Ladbroke or a US gaming company.

company's fifth in the capital - surprised industry watchers, who have become hardened to the strict regulatory regime imposed by the Gaming Board. But in spite of objections from rival operator Stakis, the Gaming Board agreed with the findings of the

West Central Gaming Com-

mittee that there was unsatisfied demand in the area. The Malaysian owners of the St Giles, at the junction of Great Russell Street and Tottenham Court Road, have granted Ladbroke a 25-year lease on the 10,000 sq ft premises. Ladbroke is spending almost £2 million to create The awarding of the new a casino with 14 tables, six

jackpot machines and a restaurant and bar. It will open next summer as the Ladbroke Sporting Club and analysts predict it could make a profit of at least £2 million a year. Elsewhere, Ladbroke con-

tinues to seek buyers for eight hotels worth more than £90 million that do not fit with the core Hilton brand. A Far Eastern investor is thought to be ready to pay more than £40 million for the 402-bedroom Plaza on Hyde Park in London, while Jarvis Hotels is reported to be looking at up to three of the provincial properties.

Ladbroke's shares edged 2p higher, to 2482 p, while Capital fell 4p to 161 2p.

New routes help to lift Ryanair

HIGHER than expected passenger numbers on its new European routes helped to boost after-tax profits at Ryanair, the Irish airline, to 1rf4.3 million (£3.9 million) for the quarter to June 30, compared with Ir£2.8 million previously (Eileen McCabe writes). Earnings per share grew 44

per cent from Ir2.2p to 3.2p. Ryanair, which this year floated on the Dublin and Nasdaq stock exchanges, says the average load factors on its new routes exceed 75 per cent. The flotation helped it to pay off almost all of its aircraft debt and

boost cash reserves. Rvanair intends to increase the size of its fleet and open up new routes by the end of the year.

US disk firm appeals over £86m Amstrad damages

AND CHRIS AYRES

FORMER INVESTORS in Amstrad had a setback yesterday when Seagate Technologies, the US disk drive maker, lodged an appeal against the £86 million damages award made in Amstrad's favour in their long-running legal baπle.

Under the deal to break up Amstrad, which came into effect ten days ago, former shareholders in the group founded by Alan Sugar received liteation certificates that entitled them to a share of the proceeds of the legal actions against Seagate in the UK, and Western Digital. another disk maker, in the US. The litigation certificates have been trading at under 10p each -- compared with a



Sugar: offer for certificates

value of 50o if the £8o million. damages awards is upheld. Mr Sugar has offered to buy certificates if any former shareholders want to sell. Seagate described the ruling awarding damages for mak-

personal computers as a 'home couri decision'' Amstrad has also appealed against the way interest and tax have been calculated on the damages, damanding up to 520 million more.

Herbert Smith, Amstrad's lawyers, said that the judge used too low a rate of interest and used the corporation tax regime at the time the claim was lodged rather than when the award was made.

Meanwhile, Martin Bland. former Amstrad finance manager, yesterday joined Betacom, which was part-owned by Amstrud and took on a large portion of its old business. He replaces Julian Seidman, who only joined Betacom nine months ago. Mr Sugar became executive chairman after the Amstrad break-up.

Sterling mars mood at Premier **Farnell**

By PAUL DURMAN

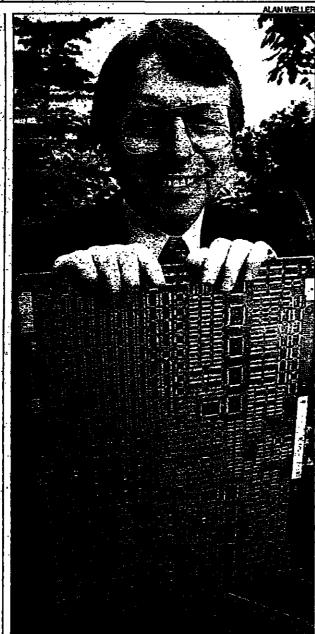
PREMIER Farnell, the electronics distributor whose shares have taken a nosedive this year, said that the strong pound will cut £5 million from its first-half profits.

Its trading report, which otherwise was positive, was the first of a series that Premier Parnell intends to issue to rebuild its reputation after a badly handled profit warning in January. The company's shares have only recently started to recover, having crashed from 750p at the turn of the year, to 450p. They closed 4p higher at

536 2p.

The group is making the slowest progress in the North American arm of its catalogue distribution division, which is based around the Newark Electronics business acquired last year through a controversial £1.8 billion merger. In the 26 weeks to August 3, dollar sales were 3.5 per cent ahead of last year, and were gradually improving in the second

Catalogue distribution sales in Europe and the rest of the world were 6 per cent ahead at constant exchange rates. Investments in its industrial catalogue, and in introducing Newark's catalogues to Europe, are not expected to break even this year. It said the UK market for electronic components remained slow, with the strength of sterling damaging custom from



Stephen Day, the chief executive of Kode International which raised pre-tax profit to £731,000 (£206,000) in the six months to June 27. The dividend was maintained.

Pledge by **Dalgety** to deter predators

By Sarah Cunningham

DALGETY, the Felix and Winalot pet foods company. vowed yesterday to do its utmost to remain independent, but acknowledged that it could be a takeover target. Ken Hanna, finance director, said that the group and Lazards, its banker, are fully

orenared for a hostile bid. After two profit warnings, we have had to sharpen our defences," he said. He denied that there had been any discussions with

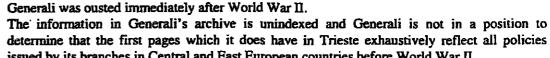
ING Barings, or any other merchant bank or company about taking over the group. Speculation has centred on Barings preparing a breakup bid and lining up various possible buyers for parts of the business, including Nestle. Associated British Foods

and Ralston Purina of the

Analysts believe that the company, whose shares closed lop higher yesterday at 2662p, after falling from more than 350p this year, is vulnerable to a break-up bid at between 300p and 350p.

Mr Hanna said that the results of a strategic review will be presented to investors. along with the company's preliminary results, on Sep-

"We recognise that we have got to deliver," he said, "We believe that the current management can improve shareholder value."



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Waste disposal firm caught off guard by 'unsolicited' offer

eigh to resist £100m Utilities bid

By OLIVER AUGUST

LEIGH INTERESTS, the waste disposal company, is set to resist an "unsolicited" £100 million bid from General Utilities, the British arm of Compagnie Générale des Eaux. But investors welcomed the prospect of a takeover, sending the shares up from 119p to 1465 p.

Leigh said in a statement "No proposal has yet been put forward by General Utilities and it is not clear to Leigh whether any proposal will be forthcoming." Insiders said that the company had been caught off guard, with many directors on holiday. A spokesman said

that a further announcement will be made by the end of this week. The company, based in Stafford, returned to profit in the last financial year and is currently undergoing a restructuring that is expected to reduce debts through the sale of assets.

General Utilities yesterday confirmed its interest in Leigh. The French-owned utility company said talks were at an early stage and "may or may not lead to an offer or other form of corporate

Leigh was first approached by General Utilities on Sunday afternoon after speculation in the press. It has been

suggested that General Utilities was forced to make the approach earlier than it had intended. It said: "In the context of the international development of Compagnie Générale des Eaux, General Utilities routinely considers a number of options for the development of the group's core businesses in the UK."

This year, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission blocked a bid by General Utilities for Mid-Kent Water. The French group has retained a minority stake in Mid-Kent along with minority holdings in Bristol Water and South Staffordshire Water. It also controls four other water service companies.

Weight of money saves shares from the bears

CITY traders braced them-selves yesterday for a bloodbath in the wake of Friday's 127-point plunge by the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street. But it never materialised and a near 85point turnaround pulled share

prices back on to an even keel. There was a savage markdown first thing that saw the FTSE 100 index tumble 64.9 paints. The absence of selling pressure, however, let bargain hunters make their move. By mid-afternoon the early deficit was transformed into a 19.8 rise. By the close the index was 0.6 up at 5.031.9 — a creditable performance given going ex-dividend was equivalent to a 15-point fall.

Dealers say the sheer weight of money building up outside the market and stock shortages continue to underpin equities. But with the inflation numbers due out this morning, investors were not

getting too carried away.

Blue chips were mixed, with

Commercial Union up 101-p at 746p after a recommendation from Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, while recent high-flyer Zeneca

dropped 2612p to E19.64. BT was a weak market in early trading, touching 36812p. after going ex the combined ordinary and special dividend totalling 47p. Friday's closing price of 42612p was later rebased to 39112p to take account of the special payment. It meant that on some trading screens the fall on the day was 4p at 38712p, while on others it was of 39p.

Guinness fell 812p to 58212 and Grand Metropolitan shed 8p at 58712p as HSBC James Capel, the broker, came out against their proposed £24 billion merger.

The banks contained some notable fallers, with Standard Chartered touching £10.3812 before rallying to reduce the deficit to £10.51. Nikko. the Japanese securities house, is urging for the shares to be sold once they reach the £10.06

NatWest Group remained after going ex the 10.6p divias more than two million shares changed

Abbey National also fell 1612p to 82912p after going ex-10.20 of dividend. Its acquisition of Cater Allen, the discount house, has been given the green light. Lloyds TSB



Sheffield United up 412p, Sunderland down 212p

was another bank going ex dividend following a payment of 5.3p. The shares rose 912p to 763p. HSBC was also a strong market, posting a gain of

Psion began shrugging off the ill-effects of last June's profits warning to post a gain of 2212p at 30612p. It followed a report in The Times revealing that the group was having production difficulties because could not keep up with demand for its new Series 5 of

handheld computers. Saturday saw the start of the new football season. Yesterday saw the post mortens now likely to be a regular feature of the results summing-up. Manchester United was unchanged at 651 2p after making a positive start to retaining its championship title with a comfortable away

win against Tottenham

Hotspur, steady at 9912p.

Newcastle United celebrated

a home win against Sheffield STOCK SHORTAGES LAY FOUNDATION FOR REVIVAL 1750

Selective support enabled the building suppliers to extend their recent rally although price movements continue to be exaggerated by stock shortages. RMC Group jumped 20p to Ell.25, Redland 7p to 3134p, Travis Perkins 15p to 49612 p. Wolseley 7p to קלפעיז, Kugby Group 45p to 125p. Hanson 4p to 331p.

and Marley 3p to 120p. Broker Mike Ruby at Credit Lyonnais Laing says that stock shortages have helped underpin the sector's performance. He said: "The rally is almost by default it was so badly sold

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off, it was looking ridiculously cheap. There is not a lot of stock around and that is helping to fuel many of the gains.

Publication last week of

the new construction order book showed signs that demand has started to pick up and conditions general-Mr Ruby added: "I was sector was sold off towards the end of June. There was no justification for it. But sentiment has now started to improve and that should

provide the impetus for further gains."

was 3p down at 8312p after its side lost at home to Bolton Wanderers, controlled by Burnden Leisure, 512p better

Meanwhile, Sunderland, relegated last year from the Premier League, slipped 212p to 335p after losing away to Sheffield United, up 4p at

5312p. Rank Group was Ip firmer at 348 2p as BZW and NatWest bought back a fur-ther 500,000 shares at 344p, taking the total bought during the past couple of days to almost 42 million. The group has permission to buy back up to 83 million shares.

Pilkington continued to draw strength from Friday's upgrading by Goldman Sachs from "market outperformer" to "buy". The price firmed

112p to 152p.

Glynwed International fell 6p to 252p ahead of half-year figures later today. NatWest Securities is looking for a modest increase in pre-tax profits from E39.5 million to £40.7 million.

News of a bid approach lifted Horace Small Apparel 1312p to 10112p. The group has also announced a restructuring programme that will result in an £8 million write-off. If the talks are successful the bid is likely to be around the 110p level, valuing Small at £37.7 million.

Fairfield Enterprise, maker of printing machinery, enjoyed a modest premium in first-time trading and ended the day at 11712p, a premium of 2¹2p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: There was

little enthusiam shown by investors to open fresh positions in the face of a stronger pound and weaker overseas bond markets. Many of them will wait to see the latest inflation numbers due out later today before committing

In futures, the September series of the long gilt finished a tick off at £11414 as the total number of contracts completed reached 36,000.

Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was unchanged at £109516. while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £532lower at £1022132. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street drifted in cautious trading, still on edge after the sell-off on Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was down 10.69 points

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Petfood looks tasty

expend much brainpower to work out that; despite the frequent profit warnings and low rating, there is value in brands such as Felix and Winalot. But it is a big step from there to taking the plunge and bidding for the whole

The problem is that any break-up bidder would have to be prepared to pay well over £1 billion up front. To do this, they would have to be confident that they had committed buyers for all the various. Ill-litting parts of the group. This is where the difficulty will lie

In the circumstances, few potential buyers are going to make any promises until they have been able to get inside the company they are interested in buying to have a good look around. The most obvious candidate to buy

IT IS not hard to see why Dalgety is in play. the petiood business would be Nestlé. It is a Corporate financiers will not have had to poor third in the European petfoods market. and would love to get its hands on the Felix catfood brand in particular.

Equally, Associated British Foods would be an obvious buyer of the ingredients business. although monopoly considerations would make it impossible for it to buy the flourmilling side.

The current Dalgety management is promising some action to accompany the outcome of a strategic review when it posts its preliminary results next month. This will result has above to convince the probably be the last chance to convince the

market that it is on the right track.
Otherwise, despite the difficulties, someone is likely to take a deep breath and offer upwards of 300p a share. That makes Dalgety a speculative buy at the current level.

Eurodollar

IT SEEMS to be an unwrit-ten rule of the UK stock market that leasing and rental companies must always disappoint their investors. Another is that these businesses will eventually end up in the hands of the Americans, who appear to have more of a liking for the peculiar risks involved.

urodollar has performed to form, though its ord is positively impres-when measured along Central Transport ital (nee Tiphook), the er leasing company curly being swept up by GE ital. Eurodollar's share iers are being rescued by ublic Industries, a fastving American group.

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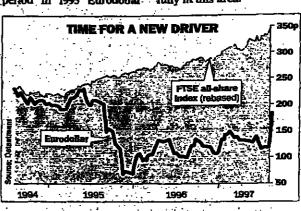
three profits its short-term car rental busi- is sued ness is very different from warnings, first promising to maintain its dividend paythe longer term nature of leasing. The fact remains that the company was blown off course not by the problems of the car rental market per se, but by the collapse in

for its used vehicles. In one horrific six month period in 1995 Eurodollar

the prices it could command

ment and then cutting it anyway. The shares have never fully recovered. This problem of residua asset values raises its head again and again. Short of

investing in GE Capital, investors need to tread carefully in this area.



Ladbroke

LADBROKE is often thought of more for its bid potential than for the fundamental strength of its underlying business. Yet in the past bid rumour after bid rumour has been shot down in flames. These days, a punt on the

gaming-to-Hilton hotels group looks far less risky. The announcement that it has won a precious new casino licence in London the first awarded since 1988 - is just the latest evidence that management is establishing a business with

strong growth potential. Its interim results at the end of this month are expected to impress, with pre-tax ng from E728 mil lion to £99 million and earnings per share jumping from are reaping the benefit of the popularity of numbers games such as Lucky Choice and 49's, while Hilton International is achieving steady.

to higher room rates. It continues to develop a sound casino business (it recently signed a letter of intent to acquire Colorado's largest operator) and a bid for London's Capital Corporation, which recently escaped the clutches of London Clubs thanks to Margaret Beckett,

from the market. -With its US partner, Hilton Hotels Corporation, waiting in the wings to take an initial 5 per stake Ladbroke looks well worth a flutter.

would get a good reception

Sinclair Montrose

THE launch of a walk in doctor's surgery at London's Victoria station helped Sinclair Montrose Healthcare to make a promising debut on AIM last summer. Floated at 140p, its shares are now at 262p.
With the Victoria

Medicentre running close to capacity at £36 per consultation, and a second one just opened at Euston, Sinclair Montrose is raising £6.6 million to finance further openings. It plans 24 Medicentres by the end of next year, including one next door to a Sheffield Samsbury's.

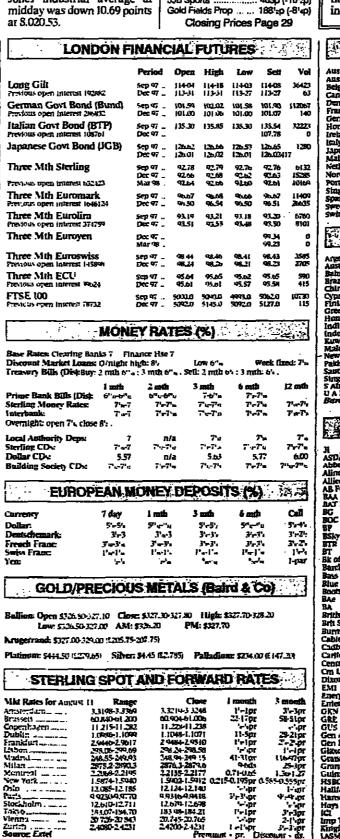
Unfortunately, ambitions have cut into profits, which will fall by almost a third this year to about £600,000. Sinclair Montrose offers a more encouraging 'illustrative projection" - something less than a forecast, apparently— that shows it making a £2.2 million profit on hugely in-creased sales of £30 million.

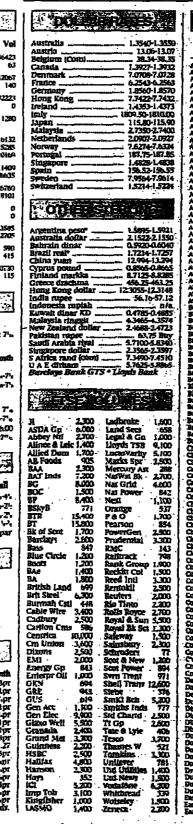
The management has a sound record helping the NHS to meet staff shortages. of nurses and other staff. But the risks of this latest venture are indicated by the 200p price the company has had to accept for its placing shares. The company is changing fast and still has an appetite for more acquisitions and,

horror of horrors, expanding into North America. Interesting, but the shares are for be-

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MALL STREET

THE FOR A NEW DRIVER

Sighs of relief follow the crash that wasn't

eviathan failed to rise from the sea yesterday as the market ignored weekend speculation that London share prices were about to be blown away by Friday's hig fall on Wall Street. The market didn't crash, maybe because many of the investment managers with might turn bearish are actually on holiday. But while the FISE 100 moleculary. But while the FISE 100 index hovers at about 5,000, few seem to think it will stay there. The correction seems

to be constantly around the corner.

Research from Merrill Lynch gave more ammonition to the bears. In a survey carried out a day before the survey carried out a day nester me-latest quarter point rate rise. UK-fund managers said they expected base rates to be at 7.4 per cent a year from now. Only a quarter said UK-economic activity would be stronger in 12 months time, with buyers of gilts outnumbering sellers by 22 per cent. On a three-month view, the surcent. On a three-month view, the sur-VEY says fund managers are expecting a fall in almost all the world's equity markets. Few are saying how much of a fall they expect. Temple-

Christine Buckley

on the latest

battle of the

rumbustious

chairman of

United Utilities

ir Desmond Pitcher

he will be in truly pugilistic mode as he struggles for his corporate

During his controversial career, the 62-year-old profes-

sional Merseysider has leapt into the ring against company

chiefs and top politicians with-out flinching, but this time the man dubbed king of the fat

cats" is taking on the weight of the City establishment and the

Institutional shareholders

have become increasingly un-

happy that United seems noth-

ing more than a corporate toy

in the steely grip of a chairman.

who will not share power.

Their muttered uneasiness

demands for change after the

peremptory sacking of Brian

Staples as chief executive last

month. The chances are that,

even if Sir Desmond remains

executive chairman tonight, he

will have had to concede that

he will depart somewhat soon-

er than the retirement date of

But shareholders should not

have been surprised by Sir

Desmond's difficulty over

sharing power. As chief execu-

tive of Littlewoods, he was not

2000 he had set for himself.

odds are against him.

future at United Utilities.

enjoys a fight. Today,

A growing band of investors expects the growling bear to emerge and bite those still in equities. Adam Jones reports

Bermada investor, has tracked bull and bear markets since 1954, using the MSCI World Index, extrapolating backwards for periods not cover-

ed by this type of measurement. It says the average bear market decline has been about 20 per cent. The average total appreciation during a bull market is 100 per cent this is almost exactly the difference between today and the start of the

current bull run in October 1990. The averages have been skewed by the short, sharp rises and falls of the 1980s, boom-bust stories that are likely to be seen by future genera-tions as anomalous in their scale because of the rich fuel provided by the fall of Communism and the awakening of China as a modern trading giant. Templeton's message

is that the bears have been tamer than the popular consciousness re-members, and that they are all smoothed out in the long run, which is often shorter than it seems. Dr Sandy Nairu, who conducted

the research, says there is still good value to be found in UK manufacturing stocks, under a cloud because of the strength of the pound. There are many who still believe in the bear's bite. Changes in Gordon

Brown's first Budger, such as the ab-olition of tax credits on dividends, have left them even more convinced that the correction will be nasty. Given the unwanted celebrity experienced by Tony Dye, of Phillips & Drew Fund Management, who put 15 per cent of clients' money into cash twoand-a-half-years ago and has seen the markets rise without him, they are understandably much less keen to pop their heads above the parapet. Yesterday, one fund manager at the forefront of the "dash for cash" said: "The markets are incredibly overvalued. We can't say when the psychology is going to change, however." He added that the turnover in the US during recent periods of anxiety had been too big to be

branded silly-season behaviour.

nother publicity-shy invest-ment chief at a leading British asset manager was less pessimistic, saying he expects the FTSE to be below 5,000 by the end of the year. Elsewhere, George Hodgson, UK market strategist at SBC Warburg, says he thinks fair value for the FTSE is 4,650, implying a fall of about 10 per cent at current levels.

After the easing of yesterday's fears, he said: "Almost all London-based analysts have been surprised at how relaxed the US markets have been about the inflationary pressures." Nikko Europe is advocating a re-

turn to value investing - buying shares on their underlying strengths rather than their perceived momenturn. It believes any correction would not be large enough to spark a bear market, even if the drop was into double figures in percentage terms. John Betteridge, head of invest-ment strategy at Prudential Corporation, believes the FTSE is likely to be around the current level at the end of

The Pru has not materially changed its investment policy recently. Al-though Mr Betteridge says overvalua-tion is rife, he believes value can be found in UK property and small com-panies globally, and doesn't discount a gradual slowdown in markets rather than an abrupt correction.

the year, with continuing volatility

over the next few months.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Opting for tax credits could offer viable way of controlling inflation

From Mr M. Donald Bishop Sir, This letter outlines 2 case for controlling inflation directly by tax credits rather than indirectly by the Bank of England's imposed bank

We are told that Govern-

ment has only two instru-ments for controlling inflation - taxation and interest rates. For policy reasons the first is not in play. The second, in my opinion, is less than satisfactory.The effect of higher interest rates must be severely lagged, the pound strengthened and, consequently, exports stilled and imports promoted. Inevitably, investment and employment will fall. Inflation apart, all these consequences run counter to declared Government policy.

consumer spending could be tackled by a system akin to post-war credits". This, if I recall aright, took the form of a surcharge on the rates of

personal taxation, which then formed deferred interest-bearing tax credits. These were intended to be gradually released as tax credits when the economy needed to be stimulated, with arrangements to cope with changes in the circumstances of individuai taxpayers.

Such a tactic would have several advantages apart from actually tackling excess consumer spending. The machinery is already in place: the surcharge would be progressive and not bear on the less well-off; there would be no upward pressure on sterling; exports and investment would be relatively safeguarded; the public sector borrowing requirement would have a temporary respite.

Disadvantages? 1 can think of none. Yours faithfully, M. DONALD BISHOP, Castle Hill House. Castle Street Totnes, South Devon.

Time for corporate rethink by Lloyd's

From Mr Oliver Carruthers Sir. You have quite properly reported about the losses of Lloyd's Syndicate 657 and the distress that the loss has caused to the corporate investment trusts New London Capital, HCG and Benfield & Rea, each a publicly quoted company and each reaching for advice as to how the pain might be alleviated. Long-suffering names at Lloyd's, particularly those who are members of the High Premium Group, have consistently warned of the

possible volatile nature of the new corporate investment in Lloyd's. The recently reported 1994 results, the first year when corporate show that it is not the names

who are voicing their com-plaint about loss in a litigious manner, rather it is the new wave of corporate investor seeking reparation. As names' rights were trimmed. new corporate capital — said to be more discerning and understanding — was intro-Lloyd's is very accustomed

to thinking again, and now reconsider the virtues of supporting that form of capi-tal which has kept and saved

Yours faithfully, OLIVER CARRUTHERS, Executive Secretary, High Premium Group, Wheatsheaf House,

Rebate rise crucial to pensioning off Serps

From the Group Corporate Affairs Director, Standard

Sir, We agree that any serious attempt by the Government to review pension provisions should involve phasing out Serps. The benefits originally intended to be provided through Serps have been drastically reduced in value over the stood by the public - what does 20 per cent of lifetime average revalued "middle tier" earnings provide? --but could mislead many into thinking that the Serps benefit will provide the retirement income that they need.

In the short term the Gov-

emment faces the additional

current level of contractingout rebate is increased, the best advice to the majority of the six million employees who have left Serps will be to contract back in. (This follows the reduction in likely benefits as a result of the withdrawal of advance corporate tax credit for pension funds).

problem that, unless the

ment will not wish to start its review of pension provision with everyone back in Serps? Yours faithfully, T. R. KING. Group Corporate Affairs

Director. Standard Life House, 30 Lothian Road. Edinburgh.

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'King of the fat cats' prepares to confront power of the City



Sir Desmond Pitcher has long thrived in a hostile busineses environment but today's confrontation may see him forced to give ground

is now responding to an emergency in which Sir Peter Middleton, the BZW chairman and senior United nonexecutive, has acted as a

Sir Desmond said last week that there would be no further information for investors until November, "We don't believe it is in his [Mr Staples's] interests or the company's to give an explanation that would lead to speculation and comment and debate." Now

entirely thrilled with the appointment as chairman of Hostility is an environment in which he thrives. As the public fury over "fat-cat" sala-ries for utility chiefs reached a John Clements, then chairman of Unigate. Clements had ideas about his role that went crescendo, Sir Desmond rebeyond the merely nominal. They, and he, did not survive mained unperturbed. He gave short shrift to the Commons As recently as last week, Sir-Trade and Industry Select Committee when they raised concerns about the soaring

Desmond was confident that he could see off the latest challenge to his supremacy. Resisting calls to elaborate on Mr Staples's departure and institute changes in the United Utilities organisation, he told The Times: "When we come to the half-year results, the matter will be over. "He seriously underestimated the scale of the City's concern, and United

Plans for the executive directors to reward themselves with a long-term incentive scheme that offered bonuses of up to 87 per cent of already high salaconduit for investor anger. ries was deemed beyond the what might be termed proper. Pressure forced them to moderate the scheme.

Nevertheless Sir Desmond, who has a basic salary of £310,000, has earned more than £1.8 million in pay, bonuses and other benefits in under four years at the company, which started as North his hand has been forced. West Water and then became United after the takeover of Norweb, the electricity busi-

ness, two years ago. Anger over pay reached frightening proportions a couple of months ago when Sir Desmond became the victim of a firebomb attack on his mansion in Cheshire. The police reported a caller who level of executive pay.
His words and unabashed claimed responsibility for the attack as saying: "All of the fat

attitude came to haunt him at a rumbustious annual meetcats are terrorist targets". The thrice-married Sir Desing last year. A parade of lat cats disrupted the Manchester mond, who has another home in Surrey and a £500,000 yacht moored in the Mediterranean, has remained defiant. meeting and it was lan McCartney, now Industry Minister, who dubbed Sir Desmond king of the fat cats. After last month's annual

meeting he said he couldn't understand the fuss about executive pay. He had, after all, been used to high levels of pay in his previous being in his previous life. He could have earned more if he had stayed at Littlewoods, the pools, retail and mail order business where he became

known as Mr Merseyside. pinion is divided on the achievements of his decade running that business: he did much to bring it up to date but failed to make its stores into effective competitors on the high street. And his contribution is now tarnished by the messy legal battles over its Far

Eastern operations. Sir Desmond has denied all allegations but with court hearings not expected until 1999, it is a while before he can lay that matter to rest. If the action proves successful Sir Desmond could face a claim for damages from the company he left nearly four years ago but remained on the board as a non-executive member

until two years ago. As James Ross is now finding, running a familyowned firm, particularly one with a tendency to internecine warfare, can be tricky. Sir Desmond survived for so long by playing a shrewd political game. Critics say he is as much a politician as a businessman. Without ever stand-ing for election, the man from a Knotty Ash council estate has become a major figure in public life in Merseyside. Knighted in 1992 for services to Liverpool, he has involved himself in a number of local enterprises, ranging from the arts to a directorship at Everton Football Club. He is also one of the many nonexecutive directors of Nat-West, another organisation where investors have been

voicing qualms over the man-

Several colleagues from the Mersey scene sit alongside him on the board of United. He has chaired the Merseyside Development Corporation for the past six years and it has occasioned some comment that Eric Clark, a nonexecutive director at MDC, is also chairman of United's remuneration committee. But Sir Desmond has blithely

tinued to enjoy his role as a public figure. He had hoped for a high-profile job in the public sector and apparently volunteered to be chairman of British Rail before Sir Bob Reid got the job. The chair-manship of a major utility struck him as being in a similar league, and it was the chairmanship of North West that persuaded him to leave Littlewoods in 1993, with the comment that this was a company big enough for him The company has now

ignored any carping and con-

grown into the much larger United Utilities but it was only a short time after Sir Desmond's arrival that Bob Thien, then chief executive, was walking out of the door, the first victim of Sir Desmond's difficulties over power-sharing. When Mr Staples was recruited as his successor Sir Desmond welcomed him as someone who could work in a team. Industry and investment sources have no doubt that Mr Staples could have worked in a

They certainly doubt Sir Desmond's ability to do so.

Yve of new era

YVE NEWBOLD, the former Hanson company secretary turned headhunter, has broken down another staunchly male bastion, appointing the first woman to the board of Dixons, the electrical retailer which enjoys the odd run-in with the Office of Pair Trading. Newbold, who runs Proned, part of Egon Zehnder, spent months tracking down the ideal candidate, and came up trumps with Karen Cook, a merchant banker at Schroders. With an MBA from Manchester Business School, she becomes a non-



ceeding Sir Derek Hornby. Cook, 43, is a mother of six, inviting comparisons with that other career-oriented working mother. Nicola Horlick. Newbold, who is keen to see more women in the boardroom, says Cook wowed the Dixons board. The great thing about her is that she is in no way, shape or form a token appointment. Today's chairmen are looking for balance on the board, but they are not looking for the token woman any more. Karen really punched her weight with the candidates."

 ONGOING luggage chaos at Heathrow. A senior banking executive, arriving from Hong Kong with British Airways at the weekend, had to stand around for an hour with his wife and young daughters while their cases made the epic journey from the hold to the luggage carousel. Bags belonging to first class passengers were trundling off last. Elsewhere, a reader calls from the Edinburgh Festival to say he is still waiting for his nine pieces of luggage to catch up with him — three days after arriving in the UK.

Firm fun

Yve Newbold has broken down WILD bunch, lawyers. First Biddle & another staunchly male bastion Co, led by the trendsetting Martin



Winter, takes over half of Thorpe Park for its annual waterski day, complete with marquees and bouncy castles. Now, word reaches me of raucous merry-making at Olswang, based in London's Covent Garden, and singled out as "the small firm for the 21st century" in this year's newly published Legal 500.

Last week, clients of the firm's property group turned up for a Caribbean evening on the roof, complete with palm trees, raffia sunshades, exotic food and drink, and a steel band. Partners were suitably clad in garish is-

Not to be outdone, the firm's litigation group will be attempting to go one stage better on Thursday with a Casablanca evening - complete with Moorish architecture, Rick's Cafe, sunny day was entirely coincidental.

and a piano player. Round up the usu-

For richer...

THE penny has yet to drop at Euro-Dollar, the car rental firm which is set to be taken over by Republic Industries of America, in an agreed £95 mil-lion cash deal. It emerges that Steve Westoby, group finance director, had the foresight to register a large chunk of his shares in the name of his wife a fact that has so far been missed by the wives of the other EuroDollar directors. The fortunate Mrs W holds 500,000 shares, worth £950,000 at the offer price of 190p per share. "It's a tax planning thing, says Ian Mosley, chief executive, adding: My wife hasn't twigged yet." Dinner tonight should be interesting.

Solar power

TRUE grit at Charterhouse Communications, publisher of What Investment and other lofty titles, which slaved on against the odds after losing all power to its offices - just as the

magazine was going to print.
As hacks stared in frustration at their blank screens, the advertising team, led by Adam Braggs, sales executive, retreated to the roof with their mobile phones. "We took some chardonnay and a wine cooler, and a few bits of paper," says Braggs, who insists the fact that it was a brilliant

"We actually worked much better on

BIG place, the Bank of England. Maybe too big. A thick wad thuds on to my desk courtesy of Alastair Cunningham, who, according to the blurb, works in the Bank's Conjunctural Assessment and Projections Division. Even the Bank's press office had trouble with this one. They had to look it up in the internal directory, and then consult a dictionary for the definition of conjuncture. Try something more pithy next time — like

forecasting.

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Rodney Hobson assesses the response to the Green Paper on a '£20 billion scandal'

The chase is on after late payers

mixed response from small business organisations. The Forum of Private Business has stepped up its campaign for statutory interest: the Federation of Small Businesses has promised to help to make the proposals work; the Small Business Bureau will ask for the timetable to be slowed down.

Barbara Roche, the Small Firms Minister, has proposed that small businesses should be able to claim statutory interest against all large firms, including public sector org-anisations, as soon as legislation is on the statute book.

After two years small firms would be able to claim against each other, but it would be a further two years before large firms were able to claim against small ones. Com-panies will not be allowed to put a clause in their contracts overruling the legal provisions.

The forum welcomed moves to solve what it called the UK's E20 billion late payment scandal.

Nick Goulding, head of policy. said: This is a victory for the grassroots business owners who have traditionally been the victims of late payment simply because there was no effective redress available to them.

Framed properly, we believe that a statutory right to interest could change the late payment culture without most businesses even knowing of its existence. Late payers would never know which or how many suppliers might collect interest or when. This would make late payment a very dangerous and costly policy.

The forum is concerned that the proposed level of interest payments, 4 per cent over base rates, might be too low to act as a meaningful deterrent.

The federation is also likely to ask Mrs Roche to tinker with her proposals. Its trade and industry committee is considering its response to the Green Paper. David Hands, at the federation's parlia-

on late payments has produced a late payements was not our first choice for dealing with the problem, but it is going to be introduced and we have got to welcome it and make it work. We feel it will not in itself change the culture of late payment. We will monitor how the legislation works in the first couple

John May, Small Business Bureau policy co-ordinator, also feels that the legislation should be reviewed after the first two years. He fears that large businesses will have the computer systems to send out demands, while small ones will be unable to catch up with paper work until the end of the month.

He said: "Research done so far does not convince us. We would prefer bigger businesses to say what their payment terms are and their record is."

He also fears that small businesses will find their workload increased as they send out extra

He added: "Why don't we treat the first two years as a pilot? We have got to try to educate small businesses to be more efficient in sending invoices out."

The bureau welcomes the ban on contracting out of obligations to pay interest, which, he says, "indicates to large businesses that the Government is serious in tackling the delay in payments".

He adds: "The Green Paper is

good as a discussion document and shows the Government is determined to help the small business sector, but I'm worried that at the end of the day it may only help large businesses. Small businesses put their bills into the computer at the end of the month and do not pay until the end of the following month, so they will often take longer than 30 days to pay their suppliers. Legislation might double or treble the accountancy work of small businesses. It is that kind of time that small business does not



Keith Wiffen's experience puts him in favour of the statutory right to interest on late payments

Case of payment, one year: late, by stuffed envelope

written to Barbara Roche, the Small Firms Minister, telling her the story of how he pursued a late yment for more than a year.

The chase ended the day before a court hearing, when he drove 40 miles to collect several hundred pounds stuffed into an envelope.

Keith Wiffen set up as an independent energy consultant after taking early retirement from one of the privatised electricity companies. He advises businesses on energy cost savings, taking a flat fee or a percentage of the savings as his reward.

In June last year he billed a client for £500, including VAT, for advice given and listing savings that the client would make year after year. Two letters, follow-up

client's office over the next few months brought no response, Mr Wiffen said. By April he resorted reluctantly to the county court, claiming £900 including interest and expenses.

The case was due for hearing on July 23. The previous morning. Mr Wiffen received a telephone call offering to settle the original invoice. Mr Wiffen, concerned that a cheque might not arrive before the court hearing and could bounce. suggested a compromise figure, higher than the original invoice, but lower than the court claim to be paid in cash.

He said: "I, know from experience there has to be a compromise We all have to give a bit. I jumped into my car, drove almost 40 miles

plain brown envelope bulging with notes and coins. Thank goodness the rest of the business I deal with do pay, sometimes with just a little prodding."

His view of the statutory right to interest on late payment is that if a company knew it was going to be punished, just that thought alone might be enough to get it to pay within a reasonable time.

His letter to Mrs Roche concludes: The annoying part of this saga is that the defendant's company has, I guess, assets running into several million pounds with, no doubt, a six-figure annual profit. I look forward to my recurring nightmares and those of other small businesses coming to an end at long last."

Statutory right to interest could backfire on firms

tory right to interest on late payments will backfire on small businesses. Two new surveys have restated the warning.

Office World, in its quarterly small business survey, claims that only 37 per cent of small business owners would enforce their right to interest, while 38 per cent said they would not. A quarter are

Simon Fox, managing director, said: "Previous surveys have consistently put late-payment legisla-tion at the top of most small business owners agenda yet their reaction to the current plan is less than enthusiastic. There are various reasons why a statutory right to charge interest may not be a sufficient deterrent to late payment. Some small firms may fear that implementing it will upset customers and they will lose business. Others may see the cost, in time and administration, exceeding the

value of interest charged."

A study of the sales ledgers of more than 900,000 businesses has shown that large organisations are by far the slowest to pay bills, Ex-perian, the business information company formerly known as CCN,

says. However, a new law giving the right to charge interest on accounts paid late would not help small businesses, the study concluded. This evidence against the pro-posed legislation will be put to the

A small enterprise would be reluctant to demand interest from a late-paying large company that gives it a big slice of its business for ear of losing the custom, said Peter Brooker, an Experian director.

Large companies also have the muscle to negotiate long payment periods but are able to impose 30day terms on small operators.

The analysis revealed that on

average large companies take more than 72 days to settle, medium-sized companies nearly 67 days, and small businesses about 53

Mr Brooker pointed out that many large companies pay late because of their bureaucracy. Pur-

chasing and paying are usually handled by different people, where as the same employee is likely to be responsible for both in a small Large companies often pay in the

month after receiving an invoice—so Mr Brooker recommended

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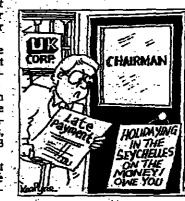
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small businesses to send out bills to arrive before the end of the month. His main advice, however, was to check a potential customer's creditworthiness and payment record and refuse to supply goods on credit if there was a problem. Ray Ruffels, managing director of Equifax Business Solutions, the computer group, takes a similar line. He said: "A smaller business that faces financial collapse if a big customer delays payment is still wary of damaging its business relationship with such an impor-tant source of income. Imposing interest on the overdue debt does not solve this dilemma. Only if charging interest were a universal process would every supplier be competing on a level platform. There is also the very real danger of smaller businesses being squeezed

between suppliers and customers."

Mr Ruffels fears that disputes will arise over when, or even whether, involces were received. However, he conceded: "The new legislation is geared to supporting

the principle of fairness within business practice. Therefore, if nothing else, the Bill will encourage big companies to look more closely at their relationship with creditors and for this reason should



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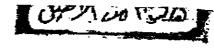




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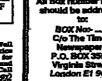
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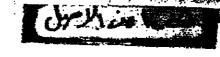
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The notorious bodysnatchers Burke and Hare operated in Edinburgh: Burke was hanged in 1829 for a series of murders, but Hare gave King's evidence

Drawn and hung — or decently quartered?

thony-Noel Kelly, a sculptor, later this month for allegedly stealing body parts has occasioned a deal of misinforma-tion about what may be done

with dead bodies.

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When a person dies, someone is obliged to "dispose" of their body. How may this be done and for how much do the wishes of the deceased count? In 1884 a judge ruled that disposal need not be by interment but could be by cremation. Implicit in this was that disposal could be by other, unspecified, methods.

The Public Health Act 1984 empowers the Home Secretary to regulate methods of disposal other than burial, cremation, embalming and preservation, in the interests of public health or safety. Here is statutory recognition that these are not the only lawful means. No regulations have been made. A local authority discharging a statutory duty of disposing of a body must bury or cremate it. Probably all that is required of anyone else is that they deal with it decently and do not obstruct a coroner or cause a public nuisance or hazard to public health. It

need not be "got rid of".

What is dealing with it decently? The answer is found - with difficulty - in vague common law offences. There may be an offence of mutilating a corpse. A minister was convicted of this for cutting off - for sexual gratification the genitals of corpses await-ing burial in his chapel.

ludges have recently con-firmed the existence of an of-fence of prevening lawful bu-rial", but it is unclear whether mutilating a corpse and pre-venting burial are distinct offences or different ways of committing the offences of freating a corpse with indignity and outraging public decen-cy. If there is an offence of An artist has been charged with stealing body parts. But the laws surrounding disposal of

human remains are vague, says Stephen White

philiac, even if he is a hospital porter availing himself of a

body in a hospital mortuary. Outraging public decency definitely is an offence. Artistic intent is no defence. This was established when the Court of Appeal upheld the conviction of an artist who exhibited a sculpture of a mannequin's

lacking in legal force are their this, the most one can do le gally to ensure that one's body their dead bodies. Private is treated in a particular way is to make all the legacies in one's will conditional upon it. Member's Bills introduced in 1981, 1995 and 1996 would have made them binding. If there is an offence of treating a corpse with indignity, the deceased's voured when fear of prema-ture burial was more widespread than it is now: legwishes may have to be regarded in determining whether the acies were made conditional

Anthony-Noel Kelly with his controversial work

head wearing earrings made from human embryos. The element of public decency in the offence will, if not admitted by a defendant, be determined

When Robert Lenkiewicz embalmed the body of a hobo friend for a souvenir, the local council tried to capture it to dispose of it. The Public Health (Control of Disease) Act requires a local authority to do this if "suitable arrange-ments" have not been made for a body's disposal. As the council reportedly agreed that the corpse posed no risk to health, it was apparently claiming to supervise decency.

Avebury was reported to carry a donor card recording his wish that the remnants of his body, after dissection for transplantation, be fed to the immates of the Battersea Dogs Home. Without such a wish, it

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likely that he or she will be do-ing so for any of those purposes. This may be why an offence under the Act was not among those deployed against the minister. His bodies had not been donated for "anatomical examination, and whatever he was up to, it was not the study of morphology.

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How to judge a human rights Bill

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The Government intends to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. There are overwhelming arguments for doing so in order to provide an effective domestic remedy for grievances being addressed in Strasbourg and on whose outcome the English judiciary is having little influence. Much more difficult is the decision on the model which incorporation should adopt.

There is no dispute that the convention should govern the application of the common law, judicial discretion and the powers of the executive. The sensitive question is the extent to which judges should be given power to en-sure that primary legislation complies with the convention. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, is chairman of a Cabinet committee considering this and other problems, with a view to publishing a White Paper in the autumn.

There are four main options. The strongest would be to enact a provision comparable to Section 2 of the European Communities Act, so that "any enactment passed or to be passed" by Parliament must "be construed and have effect subject to" the convention. On this page last month, Ben Emmerson and John Wadham advanced powerful arguments for the adoption of this model to ensure that rights conferred by the convention have full force and effect in the United Kingdom.

The second option would be to follow the relevant provision of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which empowers the court to grant a

remedy against a statutory provision, unless the legislature has overridden fundamental rights, by expressly stating that the relevant provision has force and effect, notwithstanding the charter. The third, and weakest, option is contained in the badly drafted New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. Legislation, whether enacted before or after that Act, takes priority when it cannot be construed consistently with the Bill of

The inadequacies of this model led to the fourth option, designed by Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, in his 1996 Human Rights Bill, incorporating the convention, which was approved by the House of Lords. To the extent that prior legislation cannot be construed consistently with the convention, the former would be impliedly repealed. That is the normal approach to inconsistent statutory provisions. The court would strive to interpret consistently with the convention any statutory provision enacted after the Human Rights Act, but if this proved impossible, then no remedy could be granted by the English

should we perpetuate an inadequacy of the present system, with parliamentary sovereignty trumping human rights, leaving victims to catch the slow plane to Strasbourg where they may, if they have the stamina, es-tablish their remedy four or five years later?

There are two reasons why Lord Lester's Bill should provide the framework for the new legislation. The first is that it is more likely that a Human Rights Act will be enacted and will become a permanent and successful feature of British law if the Bill avoids conferring supreme power on judges over Parliament. The senior judiciary gave overwhelming support to Lord Lester's Bill-but expressed concern at the prospect of granting remedies to overturn subsequent statutory provisions. There also remains a large body of opinion in the House of Commons which is opposed to conferring such broad powers on judges.

The second reason for pre-

ferring Lord Lester's model is that it is unnecessary to adopt a purist approach that changes the constitutional re-lationship between judges and Parliament. Assume that, after the adoption of a Human Rights Act, Parliament were to enact a statutory provision which is alleged to breach fundamental rights. The judges would decide whether fundamental rights are at stake, and, if so, would strive to interpret the statute

those rights. If that could not be achieved, and if a conflict arose, the applicant would obtain no remedy, but would have the

judges' opinion that the statutory provision breached fundamental rights. The Government and Parliament would know that unless something were done about the matter very speedily, the applicant would have an unanswerable case in Strasbourg. The Human Rights Act should confer delegated power on ministers to amend subsequent egislative provisions found to be in breach of fundamental rights and to pay compensation to victims.

Of course, ministers might ignore the judicial opinion. But whatever option is adopted, Parliament could respond to an adverse ruling by enacting new legislation that overrules the Human Rights Act in relation to a specific issue.

Our Human Rights Act should adopt a model appropriate for the UK. If it does so, it is most likely speedily to gain public, political and judicial support, and so perform effectively its task of protecting fundamental freedoms. The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford.

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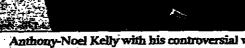
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is difficult to envisage that treating a body thus would not be regarded as offering indignities to it, though in a nation of animal lovers such as ours it would be no surprise if any resulting prosecution were for

The Anatomy Act provides some guarantee that one's obsequial wishes will be imple-

s for donating a body for artistic purposes, the mere act of donation is unlikely to be unlawful, whatever the deceased's wishes, but if, in using the corpse, the artist com-mitted an offence, it might become unlawful as an aiding and abetting. Such a donation, however, does not have to be registered under the Anatomy Act even if the artist will be partitioning the body.

This technique was fa-

upon bloodletting clauses be-

ing observed. If a person has

stated that they do not wish

their body to be used for medical purposes, their wish must be observed. The same

used to apply to cremation; but

not now, except when a local authority discharges a statu-

This apart, a person who has the body is not legally

obliged to implement the de-ceased's wishes. Provided the

deceased did not object, the body may be given over for

medical use; the deceased need not have expressed a wish for this to happen, whether in a

will or otherwise, though if they have not, their spouse or

relatives can prevent it. It was

otherwise under the original

tory duty of disposal.

The Act prohibits unlicensed 'anatomical examinations" and criminalises unlicensed pos-session of bodies given over for "anatomical examination" (an examination "by dissection ... for the purpose of teaching or studying, or researching into, morphology"). Even if the artist is "examining" the body and do-ing so by dissection, it is un-

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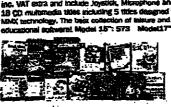
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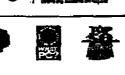
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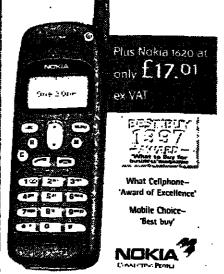
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Children of genocide

ore than 2,000 boys and Marie Staunton reports on the 80 girls are about to stand trial for genocideunprecedented problem involving juveniles related crimes in Rwanda - but is justice possible in a system with more than 110,000 cases?

Graça Machel, who reported on the impact of war on children to the United murders or other serious crimes, either Nations in 1996, is very clear that at the instigation of parents or adults or international standards of juvenile justice must always be upheld: "The dilemma of dealing with children who are accused of committing acts of genocide illustrates the complexity of balancing culpability, a community's sense of justice and the best interests of the child. The severity of the crime involved, however, provides no justification to suspend or to abridge the fundamental rights and legal safeguards accorded to children under the United Nations Convention on the (Unicef) started building six children's

The juvenile trials starting in Rwanda this month demonstrate the huge practical problems in applying the

Rights of the Child."

Machel approach. In July 1994 the justice system was non-existent. Prisons and jails were empty, court offices ransacked. Most judges and court staff had either been killed or sought refuge across the border. Yet soon after, large-scale arrests of people implicated in the genocide began and have continued ever since. Among them were children. many suspected of genocide-related bring the imprisoned juveniles to trial.

that is facing a war-ravaged African state

as part of organised gangs. At first, children were held in the same overcrowded prisons as adults, prey to sexual exploitation and further indoctrination by adults. This not only contravened international legal stan-dards set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations rules for the protection of children deprived of their liberty, but seriously endangered their wellbeing. So the United Nations Children's Fund

prison wings, where most children are

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advocating alternatives to custody. But not all children have been moved and about 150 under the age of criminal responsibility (which is 14 in Rwanda) at the time of the alleged crimes cannot be released because of the lack of police officers to check dates of birth. The criminal justice system in Rwanda, which had been used to dealing with a few hundred criminal cases a year, lacked the capacity to

Forty judiciary police inspectors have now been trained and equipped with motorcycles and cars to carry out investigations into juvenile cases.

Anyone aged between 14 and 18 at the time of the alleged offence will be indicted under Rwanda's Genocide Act, which reflects the Genocide Convention. However, there have been few indges to try their cases. Recruiting judges has been difficult, not least because the wages are low - \$100 a month, the equivalent of a maid's salary. In accordance with international standards, the Rwandan Government agreed to set up special children's panels. Jens Matthes, a newly qualified German juvenile lawyer, has spent the last year in Rwanda organising training courses for judges and prosecutors on child rights, international juvenile justice standards and their applicability to Rwandan law. The new judges, who are not lawyers but have all been educated to high-school standard and attended a four-month course, will sit on benches of three in 12 districts. Only the president of each Specialised Genocide Chamber in each district will be a qualified lawyer. Defence lawyers

are being provided by a Belgian voluntary association. However, under Rwandan law, the defence lawyers are unlikely to be given more than eight days' notice of the trial, to defend clients who face 10 to 30 years' imprisonment if convicted, half the adult tariff but still a serious sentence.

igel Cantwell, a British expert in the field who has been studying justice for juveniles in post-genocide Rwanda, says that although the Rwandan authorities are starting from zero. they are trying to apply international standards, which are routinely ignored even in wealthier and more developed countries. This month, the prosecution should succeed in at least starting the trials - in the knowledge that their fairness is under scrutiny by UN

Mr Matthes says that the success of the trials is vital for a peaceful future. Trying to get things done in a country where the infrastructure has been destroyed is often frustrating," he adds. Training staff and setting up structures take a long time, and the problems of juvenile justice are urgent. But the justice system has an important function in reconciling the two ethnic groups and overcoming the legacy of

 The author is a solicitor and the deputy executive director of Unitef (UK).

When privilege is a valid defence

Patrick Milmo, QC, on an Australian libel ruling

The recent decision of the High Court of Australia (July 8, 1997) in (David) *Lange v the* Australian Broadcasting Corporation has quickly claimed attention here.

The case was a libel action brought in New South Wales by the former Prime Minister of New Zealand over defamatory remarks broadcast about him in Australia. The High Court had to consider whether the plea of privilege as a defence was viable. It held that, in principle, there could be such a defence, because the categories of privilege should be extended to protect a communication made to the public on a government or

political matter.

Australian decisions are respected in English courts. The country's judges are considered sound, perceptive interpreters of the common law with a particular ability to develop and modernise it in a way that is intellectually and jurisprudentially acceptable. What they declare, of course, is

the common law of Australia, but the concept of the homogeneity of the common law makes many statements of principle made by Australian courts influential on decisions here.

A murmur likely to become a clamour among media lawyers is that Lange v ABC has shown the path our judges must take on the issue of public-interest privilege. It may be only a matter of time before the High Court pronounces the existence of such privilege, which protects the press from actions brought by politicians or others in public life whom they have attacked. The "repressive restrictions imposed on the media by our outdated libel laws", as the press puts it. will be significantly loosened, or so one might think.

But before editors rush to retrieve stories about politicians they had spiked because of the libel risk, or journalists pick up the trail of some public villainy they had abandoned because of the difficulty of legal proof. some consideration must be given to the qualifications expressed by Australian judges on this extended

defence of privilege. Because publication of the defamatory material would not be confined to a limited number, as it is in most privilege situations, but to tens of thousands or more, and the capacity for damage to the victim was that much greater, it was not sufficient. said Chief Justice Brennan, that the publisher (who might be the writer, editor or broadcaster) should be act-

Many of those in public life attacked by the media will be prepared to join battle

> ing without malice, or in good faith: his conduct must be reasonable, and it is up to

> him to prove it was. What constitutes reasonableness? First, the publisher must establish that he was unaware that the defamatory article was false, and that he did not act recklessly in publishing it. But there are more stringent tests to satisfy. The publisher must have reasonable grounds for believing that the imputation was true and must have taken proper steps, so far as they were reasonably open, to verify the accuracy the material. And the Chief Justice of Australia stated that a publisher's conduct will not, as a rule. be reasonable unless he has sought a response from the person defamed, and pub-

The Australian judges were thus far from adopting the American position criticism of a public figure is generally immune from legal action unless the person concerned can prove that the publisher knew the allegations to be untrue, a virtually impossible feat. Under this new area of privilege. a would have to expose for scrutiny all the processes of inquiry that preceded the publication of the report and the complaining politician or public official could be expected to seize upon any oversight carelessness, misunderstanding or lack of communication in the course of investigative or editorial procedures as dis-

qualifying the publishing defendant under the reasonableness test. No doubt sources could still be protected. but publishers will have to bear in mind that where a source is not disclosed, any incipient scepticism of a jury is likely to be enhanced, and the

prospect of persuading it that the publisher's conduct has been reasonable is correspondingly reduced. It can be envisaged that many of those in public life attacked by the media will be quite prepared to join battle on the issue of whether a newspaper's or broadcaster's conduct was reasonable.

That the Australian judges considered that public-interest privileges must be subject to special conditions is likely to make such a development of the law more compelling to English

If, however, that course is followed, the press should be under no illusions that it would have unrestricted access to the hitherto legally perilous territory of political or public scandal.

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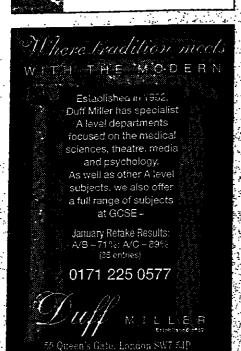
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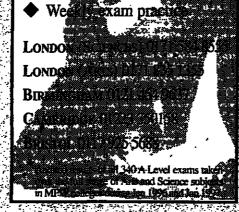
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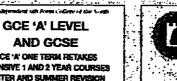
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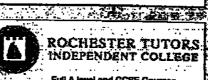


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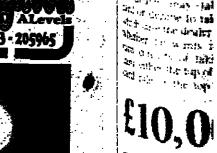
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Hugh Thompson advises what to do if you don't get the required grades and George Turnbull explains how the standards are set

Stay ice cool and win the university challenge

system of matching unfilled university places and wannabe students is one of the great unavoidable scrambles of modern British life.

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Square pegs are forced into round holes and desperate students consider unthinkable courses at places they had scarcely heard of Nobody likes the mad rush after the Alevel results which are published on Thursday, but nobody has come up with a better system. Tens of thousands of stu-

dents will contact scores of universities and, over the telephone, try to decide their futures. Universities, which try to run their admissions on a controlled and logical basis from October to March, throw caution to the wind and decide, sometimes in seconds, whether the person on the line fits the bill.

For the would-be underpraduates there is the problem of getting through on the limited number of hotlines then making a decision with-out all the discussion, research and thought that went into the original university plan. For the universities there is the problem of trying to make the most sense of what the student is offering. In such a madhouse it pays to obey a few basic ground rules.

Telephone as soon as you know your grades.

Check with your university of first choice; the offer may not be set in stone. They may also be able to offer a less popular, but related, course. . Have your Ucas number

ready. The university is linked to that computer and will want ■ Have a clear, but flexible.

sociology is full, would you do social ambropology? If not English literature, how about

English language? Phone personally: there may be supplementary questions about choice or grades. If your grades are way out of your school's prediction. most universities are open to persuasion, but only from your teachers, not parents. Don't in desperation switch

your choices from physics to chemistry to religious studies; it just isn't credible. Remember part of the

seeming anarchy of the simation comes from the marketplace aspect — the laws of supply and demand are dominant. Some courses have much higher requirements because they are much more Think : seriously about

whether you should turn down a course because there is no room in a hall of residence. ■ Gao years are usually no problem; places are given for either year.

Dr Dick Collins, director of

admissions at Lancaster University, says: "It's an absolutely trantic time, we are receiving something like 1,000 calls a day. To students I say be realistic, there are universities and universities; our average student gets the equivalent of three Bs. However, as elsewhere, in science it is lower. In our top subjects, such as marketing, we are getting 35 applicants for every place.

Although it's a far from ideal process, our analysis of

Full listings of degree course vacancies and further advice on clearing will appear in The Times on Thursday



ing to do with the clearing system and people doing the wrong subjects. Our two biggest reasons for leaving are homesickness and financial

Ironically, given the clear-ing system, lew universities find that A-level grades are great predictors of final degree marks. Commitment and motivation rather than school success are what most tutors put their money on for the better degrees.

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politics and economics instead

However, a word of warn-

ing. Because of the media

attention and the improved

technology, most universities

expect the clearing process to

be over by early next week. For this reason, Richard De

Friend, Pro Vice-Chancellor of

University of Kent at Canter-

bury, says: "You must be organised before the off. It's a

hard one to call since most will

not know they are relying on

the dearing until late. It's

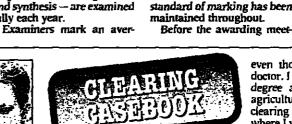
then we have a responsibility to help if something has gone wrong. We may move a few points, and when that can't help sometimes we offer an alternative course, such as

Danne Francombe, of the University of the West of England, says: "Don't panic if you haven't quite got the grades specified. We take the

> important that you enter the system with an idea of what your real bottom line is.



Samantha doing work experience



Test examiners' code

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Strict marking

criteria ensure

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age of 300 papers in three

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standard that ensures all stu-

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Even the checkers are

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original marking scheme will

be refined at that meeting and

applied, without exception,

Further samples of each

examiner's marking are sent

to senior examiners for approval, before any mark

sheets and scripts can be

returned to the exam board.

Extra samples are required

thereafter, to ensure that the

dents are treated equally.

A-level and GCSE ex-

aminers allegedly rig-

ging grades may have increased Channel 4's ratings

when the Dispatches pro-

gramme Making the Grades

was broadcast some months

ago. But it showed little of what actually happens.

The rules for awarding

grades are published in man-

datory codes of practice and policed by the School Curricu-

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tors. Examiners see the work

of an estimated 900,000 stu-

dents who sit six million

GCSEs and A levels each year.

Most of the marking is done within a six-week period. The

examination paper is pre-pared 18 months before the

examination and cannot be

approved without a marking

scheme. Together these docu-

ments will confirm that the

demands made of this year's

students are similar to those

the elements of each syllabus

its aims and objectives, and

Care is taken to ensure that

in previous years.

Samantha Gaines, 20, from York, has just completed her first year studying animal science at Nottingham University

I TOOK biology, chemistry and physics A levels, and the first time I did them I got a B and two Cs. I wanted to do veterinary science and needed two As and a B, so I went back to York Sixth Form College for a year.

I resat my A levels, so that in ten years I could say I had done everything possible to become a vet. Unfortunately I had glandular fever in my resit year and got two Bs and a C.

even though I had a letter from the doctor. I knew I had to get on a back-up degree and decided I wanted to do agricultural or animal science. I got the clearing listings and was not bothered

where I went, it was the course that was I phoned Nottingham on the day of the A-level results. They said they did not see I would have a problem getting in because my grades were higher than

their entry requirements. I got my clearing form on the Friday and took it down on the Monday. They gave me the offer there and then. Clearing worked really well for me because I knew what I wanted to do. I

think it is important to act quickly. Every holiday I work as a veterinary nurse, so although I am not going to be a vet I still have the contact.

I really enjoy the animal nutrition part of the course, advising farmers and vets on diets for the animals. Things I was very upset and phoned all five have worked out well for me and I am vet schools but they all turned me down, very happy with the course.



Week two of The Times Challenge of the Mind competition with £10,000 worth of prizes to be won. The competition, to coincide with the first Mind Sports Olympiad, invites you to test your wits. Every day

this week we will set you a number of puzzles to get you thinking. For further details of the Mind Sports Olympiad, at the Royal Festival Hall, London, from August 18 to 24, and how to enter, call 0171-703 2828.

£500 GIN RUMMY PROBLEM by Paul Lamford*

The first of today's puzzles is based on the popular running variant that swept Hollywood in the 1940s and 1950s and became the game of the stars. The origins of runniny, are reputed to be in the late 19th-century game of Coon-Can or Conquian, which was very popular with Spanish-Americans in Texas and Mexico and later Rummy A similar Chinese game was called Kon Khin. A standard deck of 52 cards is used and the cards rank from king down to ace. Ten cards are dealt to each player. The pack is then placed face down and the top card turned face up as the start of the discard pile. The

non-dealer may take this

card or decline to take it in

which case the dealer decides

whether he wants it. Each

turn consists of taking one

card, either the top of the dis-

card pile or the top card of

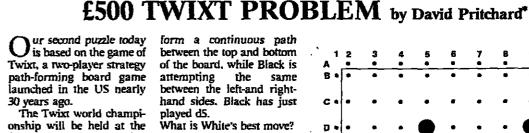
the upturned pack, and then discarding one card from the player's hand, which may be the same card as that picked up. The object is to meld as many of the cards in the hand as possible by forming either sequences, eg ♥4, ♥5, ♥6, or groups of matching cards of the same rank, eg ♦7, ♣7, ♥7, such that the total of cards not belonging became known as Knock to the meld is 10 points or less, with 10s and court cards counting as 10. When a player achieves this goal, he can knock and his hand is

In today's problem, your hand is as shown and the queen of spades is face up. Your opponent dealt and you pick up the queen of spades. Which card do you discard? a) the **48**. b) the ♦6

c) the 👭 Call 0891 102 728 (ex UK 44 990 200 637) before midnight tonight with your answer,

a, b or c. The winner will get £500 and three runners-up will receive a £50 voucher. donated by Hamleys, for use in its Regent Street or Covent Garden, London, stores.

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onship will be held at the first Mind Sports Olympiad on Tuesday and Wednesday August 19 and 20. (Refer to the 16-page Mind Sports Olympiad supplement, which was free with yesterday's copy of The Times, for details.i

The game is played with pegs on a playing area of 22x22 small holes. A section of the board is shown in the diagram. The two players in turn place a peg of their colour in a vacant hole on the board. Where two pegs of the same colour are a chess-knight's move apart, they are linked thereby forming a barrier that cannot be crossed. In the diagram White is trying to

form a continuous path between the top and bottom of the board, while Black is attempting the same between the left-and righthand sides. Black has just

played d5. What is White's best move? a) e5

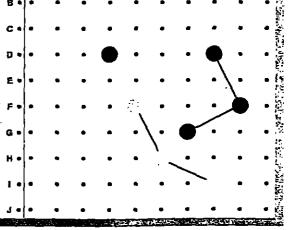
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AL PRESENTAL MARKET STATE OF THE STATE OF TH TEN MINUTE MENSA PROBLEM O1. What number should replace the question mark? 5934 4512 202 Q2. If DI = 40 and FK = 68, what does HQ equal? Q3. Which is the odd word out? NECKLACE BROACH EARRING BRACELET Call 0891 102 729 (ex UK +44 990 200 638). 0891 calls cost 50p per minute

TEN MINUTE MENSA PROBLEM Q1. The numbers in box 1 move clockwise to the positions in the second box. Where should the missing numbers be? Q2. What word is being described here?

A fraud, an imposter, empty talk, a peppermint flavoured sweet

Q3. Six times a number is half the square root of 144.

What is that number? Call 0891 102 725 (ex UK +44 990 200 619), 0891 calls cost 50p per minute

Day 5 (Friday) SOLUTIONS

Mastermind: answer was YELLOW, RED. BLACK, WHITE, WHITE, Alec Falconer, of Edinburgh, wins £500. Mensa Problem: 1 13 63 83. 2 36 - sum of alphabetical positions of first and last letters. 3 They all have hidden coastal terms: bay, sea, cove, surf. P Stone, of Basingstoke, wins £100).

*David Pritchard is a former editor of Games and Puzzles magazine and the author of books on Chess, Go, Backgammon and bridge.

TOMORROW: PLAY OWARI FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN MORE PRIZES - PLUS THE SOLUTIONS TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLES

Former superpowers share the same concerns



Moorcroft: common aim

chiefs reflected yesterday on the causes and potential consequences of failing to win a gold medal at a world championships for the first time, their frown was shared by their counterparts from the United States. Not for 21 years had American athletes at a global championships won as few as the seven events in which they triumphed in Athens.

By a timely coincidence, Britain and the United States have each appointed a new chief executive, both former milers. In the week that David Moorcroft was named to lead British athletics out of its troubles, Craig Masback was given the task of selling the sport to Americans after the country had failed to build on the promotional chances provided by hosting the 1984 and 1996 Olympic Games.

During the championships here, Moorcroft and Masback exchanged ideas and will assist each other where possible. They agreed, for example, that to return, more dual-nation needed, that the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) grand prix needs to change and that the IAAF has not gone far enough with its

"wild card" system.

The statistics of the world championships are these: Britain won five siver medals and one bronze, but, without a gold, finished 26th in the overall medal table. The United States led the table, but, after three Olympics and three world championships in which the country's gold medal count was never fewer than ten, seven represents an

alarming decline. The former Soviet states won only two gold medals between them, a united Germany five. These four former superpowers of the sport are finding it increasingly difficult to produce winners as ever more nations - 200 took part - compete for honours. Forty one countries

David Powell ponders the lack of gold won by Britain's best in Athens

indicative of how medals are

more evenly spread now that a

combined Germany should

win five events here and be

applauded.
The great worry for Britain

is that we see people in Europe, like Germany, who have had a

good championships, with

their system running for three

or four years and adequately funded," Arnold said. "It is so

frustrating that we have this

rich vein of talent among the

youngsters - 33 medals won in

Europe this year at under-18,

but it seems we are not yet able

to move them on to the highest

Arnold blamed "the bureau-

under-20 and under-23 level -

appear on the medals table. whereas, until 1993, the number was less than 30.

"We are never going to win more than two or three gold medals at our very best," Moorcroft warned. To achieve even that, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) is dependent on National Lottery funding and, on that subject, Malcolm Arnold, the BAF performance director, is growing weary.

"It was very important for the sport [in Britain] to win at least one gold medal," Arnold said. "For me, the gripe is the same - seven years lack of funding, virtually no money to prepare the team this year and National Lottery sports fund money not yet on board."
Five gold medals would, in

cratic process", which leaves the BAF still awaiting its first the 1980s, have been a National Lottery payments, for stifling development. The BAF national disgrace for the for-East Germany. It is has little money of its own and

pounds in lost sponsorship, television and gate money. Two critical areas for fund-

ing that Arnold mentioned were coaching and medical support. Coaching needs to be more specific and, only by working with a network of hysiotherapists, will the BAF able to ensure that a nearfully fit team turns up for the championships. Too many athletes arrived here injured.

"Under the new plan, we will get reports back from the physiotherapists so our medical staff will have a better handle on what is happening before we get the athletes out to the championships," Malcom Brown, the BAF medical officer, said. Brown said that the scatter gun approach to treatment meant that "only when the athletes come to the championships do we have a clearer idea of what the problems are and, by that time, it is

often too late". Moorcroft would do well to

the inability to deliver a gold remind detractors that, with medal may cost millions of 20 silver medals in global championships since Jonathan Edwards won Britain's last gold in 1995, the nation's athletes remain highly competitive. Nor should we be allowed to forget the British men's team victory at the

> Masback said it was "a huge success of the IAAF" to have used its development programme to make athletics a thoroughly global sport. The stronger competition apart, he thought the United States decline was the manifestation of two things: the frightening" number of people choosing to do other sports and

European Cup in June

"post-Atlanta let-down". Twice a day in Atlanta, 80,000 spectators turned up for athletics, yet, even now, little is seen on television. Masback believes that exseasons, more college competitions and international matches would belp to stir television



SAILING

Fastnet jinx strikes Americans' hopes in Admiral's Cup

By EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

NOT since 1989, when Great Britain last won the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup. has a team successfully defended a series lead going into the 605-mile Fastnet Race. This is something that the Americans know only too well, having gone into the Fastnet two years ago with a lead of 25 points, only to lose the championship to Italy by the equivalent of six Fastnet places.

It could be that history is repeating itself. This time the Americans — whose vachtsmen are regarded as vulnerable offshore — started with a 15-point lead over New Zealand, but, more than halfway through the race, they have slipped to second, with Italy. once again, in the lead by five

Computer projections for points at the end of the championship, based on positions of the 21-strong fleet yesterday, kept the Germans in third place and put the team Corum Indulgence, Easy Oars and Bradamante - up to fourth from fifth, less than one point ahead of the Austra-

The main losers so far are the New Zealand team, who were among the early favourites for the Cup but who are languishing in sixth place. having started the race second

overall. Russell Coutts in the big boat, Numbers, is last in his class, as is Tom Dodson's ILC 40, Mean Machine, while the Mumm 36, Georgia Express, skippered by David Barnes, lies fourth. This gives New Zealand a projected Fastnet tally of 72 points, which, if maintained, will blow apart their champion-

After a slow start to the race over the weekend, conditions have improved with fresh southerly winds powering the yachts up to the Fastnet Rock yesterday afternoon. The lead-

ing big boat, Flash Gordon. was clocked at nine knots just before she went round at 5.00pm yesterday, a matter of seconds ahead of the Italians, in Madina Milano.

The race could hardly be closer with satellite fixes showing many boats within tenths of miles of each other as they headed back towards the finish at Plymouth. The British team have benefited from a an improvement of one place by Corum Indulgence from fourth to third in her class and by John Merricks's Bradamante continuing to lead the Mumm 36 class, with more

than a one-hour advantage over the Australians in Sea. Yet the ILC 40. Easy Oars. skippered by Andy Beadsworth, dropped from fifth to sixth in her class yesterday, underlining that the fate of the teams in the championship has as much to do with their own performance as with how well or badly boats in other teams are

A small piece of history was made yesterday when the first multihulls to race in the Fastnet finished at Plymouth. They were set a slightly longer course than the rest of the fleet, but this did not stop them getting in well ahead of the monohulls, with Laurent Bourgnon's 60ft trimaran, Primagaz, crossing the line at 2.30nm — II minutes ahead of Loick Peyron's Fuicolour. Primagaz, which won the Round Europe Race this year. covered the 635-mile course at an average speed of 13.9 knots. Third to finish was the third 60ft trimaran in the race, Banque Populaire, skippered

by Thierry Bouvard. The nine new Whitbread 60s, meanwhile, are putting on a sparkling curtain-raiser for the round-the-world race that they were built for, which starts next month. Racing has been very tight and the leading boats - Silk Cut. skippered by Lawrie Smith, and Merit Cup, skippered by Grant Dalton - were within three minutes of each other rounding the Rock, with Dalton just ahead.

boats have been within 25 miles of each other. Chris Dickson's Toshiba was in third place, one mile behind Smith, while George Collins, the only amateur skipper, had climbed through the fleet to be fourth. Paul Cayard, taking part in his first Whitbread 60 at the helm of EF Language, was in sixth place. Dalton reported yesterday that he is pleased that his Farr design is keeping pace with Smith's Farr boat on what he described as a "wet

For much of the race, all nine

and windy ride".

Among the other mono-hulls, the leader among the five Ericsson 80s is Banque Internationale à Luxembourg. skippered by Ross Field, who has Ludde Ingvall's Nicorette on his tail. Next is Hasso Plattner's IMS maxi, Morning Glory, which is doing well to be racing among the waterballasted Ericssons, with three of them astern of her.

Hague at home in unknown territory



on a world event not on the sporting map

vette Hague is a world-class competitor in a sport that we recognise but know precious little about She excels at orienteering, a time-trial across unseen and rugged countryside with rudimentary navigational aids. Her participation in the world orienteering championships in Norway this week promises the perfect antidote to the disappointments of the Great Britain athletes in Athens. However, even a gold medal will barely warrant a mention alongside frenzied critiques of football and cricket, two sports at which Britain trails other nations.

To meet Hague is to appreciate Britain's penchant for thriving on defeat while eschewing excellence in other spheres. Hague, 30, is an athlete of international stature. She has been plagued by injury throughout most of her competitive life, receives minimal funding and next to no recognition, yet she never once questions the severe demands of orienteering. She does it purely for the thrill, for the sheer pleasure of competing, the elation it brings to her life. She is living testament to the fact that money contaminates the

sporting soul.
While it is never likely to command prime-time television viewing, orienteering embraces the tenet of all captivating pursuits. blends immense physical de-mands with a mental prowess not readily associated with populist sports. The latter are increasingly influenced by managers, coaches and mentors who effectively

organise the athlete's mind. Hague has to plot her course while pounding ter-rain that would disembowel a Sherman tank. She will be undermined by self-doubt, forever seeking landmarks to validate her route, all the while straining to maintain concentration as fatigue sets in over the closing check-points. There is no such thing as a perfect race: a few careless seconds can take minutes to redeem. It is the



Hague is tracking a gold medal for Britain in the world championshins in Norwav

dosest sporting metaphor to the hare and the tortoise. Indications abound that Hague, who has been orienteering since the age of seven, has a raw love of the land. She finances her passion with part-time work as a geologist at the University of London's Royal Holloway unit, situated within an easy jog of Windsor Great Park, itself the perfect training facility, with its carpet of grass, for athletes with tender limbs. She performs best, she said, over the rugged, hilly terrain of Norway (the host to these world championships). its natural beauty inspiring

her to greater heights of

performance than Britain's less demanding landscape. When she retires, two years from now, she said she will continue to run "for pleasure" through the mountains of the Lake District.

She is not of the rangy mould so predominant among medal-winners in Athens, nor is she so obsessed with her sport that she wears it like an anorak. There are a lot of die-hards in orienteering, but the better ones are not like that," she said. "Some people love it because they are out there alone, without an audience judging their every move." Hague, whose sporting ex-

petite frame, is all matter-offact when discussing the demands of orienteering. It requires considerable prompting for her to outline "the frustration, the rages and swearing and the pleasure and satisfaction promoted by racing through mountain-ous forests. The orienteer faces a constant battle to keep those emotions under control, to remain buoyant after taking a wrong route, to avoid complacency when getting it right.

"If you are running well, you are so tuned into the way everything feels around you. she said. "You make mental

notes of landmarks you ex-pect to see and they pop up like clockwork. It is an amazing feeling when it all comes together like that. I've never felt it in anything else I have done and, to be honest, I don't expect to in the future."

After an operation on her shins in December, Hague naintained that she is short of her peak for the world championships. All told, she will run five times in as many days, covering about 15 kilometres in three seperate races. However, she pro-nounced herself in as good a shape" as she was two years ago, when she collected silver medals in the classic and short-distance categories. "Because of my shins, I have never been in top condition before a world champion-ships," she said. "In training, I am running the best I have done for years, but having the operation meant I did not start remning again until

Her training regime is similar to that employed by a

'She has to plot a course and pound terrain that would disembowel a Sherman tank'

half-marathon runner. She runs between eight and ten miles each day, six days a week, although her roadwork has been perenially curtailed by long-trouble-some shins. Although she will not start favourite for any event in Norway this week, she believes her competitive instinct gives her a

fighting chance. I know I will have to rely on others making mistakes to win," she insisted. "A few of the girls are fitter than me." Against that, Hague thrives on the technical nature of orienteering in Norway. "I am good under pressure." she said. "That's why it was so frustrating to watch our athletes at the world championships in Athens. Very few of them produced personal

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That latter remark promotes an interesting scenario. With each orienteering course differing from the next, personal bests cannot be measured against the clock. By Hague's own definition, the silver medal that she won two years ago dicshe won two years ago dic-tates that nothing but the gold will suffice this time. She hedged slightly when confronted by the argument. "I'll be disappointed if I don't finish first, let's put it that way." The pity is that pre-cious few Britons will be celebrating or commiserating with her.

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BOWLS

Hawes leads Oxford | Henman's poor form to narrow victory

KATHERINE HAWES, who won two national singles titles at the weekend, was almost eliminated from the EWBA national fours championship at Royal Learnington Spa yes-terday, but just managed to scrape into the third round, along with three of her City and County of Oxford col-leagues (David Rhys Jones

Oxford trailed Street, from Somerset, 10-15 with only four ends left to play, but, with Hawes playing a crucial role at No 3. Oxford edged back into the frame with a single and two doubles. A front-

toucher from their lead. Mainwaring, broke a 15-15 deadlock with a double on the 21st end.

Having won the title in 1994. Peterborough were thought to their encounter in the first round with Stratford-upon-Avon, for whom Rachael the front end of the rink.

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er. Elizabeth Chedgzoy, took

control from the start and led 9-0 after only four ends, ulti-

mately winning 22-10.

be strong contenders, but something went wrong in Chedgzoy was in fine form at The Stratford quartet.

TENNIS

sees his ranking slip

TIM HENMAN, after two successive first-round defeats. has dropped from No 18 to No 21 in the latest world rankings issued by the Association of Tennis Professionals, while Greg Rusedski has gone down one place from No 24 to

Henman's fall could seriously affect his chances of getting a seeded position at the US Open, which begins later this month, with most of the world's leading players ex-pected to enter at Flushing Meadow. Last year. Henman reached the last 16 at the US Open and, if he fails to get that further down the rankings. This week, Henman is play ing in the Pilot Pen Interna-

tional in Connecticut, where he is seeded No 7. Apart from a good Wimbledon, where he reached the quarter-finals, the British No l has rarely reached top form since having an elbow operation at the end

☐ Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde have now become the third most successful doubles pair in tennis history after winning their 45th career title in Cincinnati on Sunday evening.

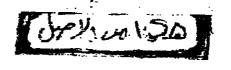
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RACING: FANCIED RUNNERS DOUBTFUL FOR BIG YORK HANDICAP



Shantou and Dettori, right, resume a winning partnership in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury on Saturday

Stoute gives Ebor warning

By Chris McGrath

THE Knavesmire was once the site of York's gallows, and ante-post punters on the Tote-Ebor — the historic handicap run there next Wednesday - can be forgiven if they feel that the noose is beginning to tighten. Michael Stoute, the trainer of two of the first four in the sponsor's book, yesterday warned that both are doubtful for what is always one of the biggest betting races in the calendar. Purist and Mohawk River

are well-bred, lightly raced horses with the potential to be better than handicappers. Un-fortunately, with the sultry weather continuing, their cricket-loving trainer considers their supporters to be on a sticky wicket. "Nobody wants to be backing either of them," he said, "Mohawk River won't run unless the ground is good, and the same is true of Purist, who is also in the Great Voltigeur anyway. He has already missed Goodwood because of fast ground."

But while Stoute gave notice of depressing defections, there was news yesterday of an exciting recruitment. Enough recent European champions have ended up on Japanese

muttering darkly about what happens if you sell off the family silver. Yesterday, however, the National Stud announced a coup with the lease of Hector Protector for the 1998 covering season, with an option to retain his services

the following spring.
The stud is justifiably optimistic that the deal, as the bloodstock equivalent of importing exotic footballers in the mould of Zola and Juninho, will have enduring

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JILTED (3.00 Bath) Next best: Sharp Deed (2.30 Bath)

ramifications for the British breeding inclustry. When Hector Protector was sold to Teruya Yoshida as a stallion, it was with a pedigree to match racecourse achieve-ments which included five group one races at two and three years old.

ng, ne nas decome a still more attractive proposition since. His sister, Bosra Sham, has developed into a champion, while the family stud farms to get people boasts another one in

Lammtarra, Hector Protector, meanwhile, was a leading sire in Japan in 1995 and 1996, with four stakes winners in his first

The National Stud has responded with a mixture of imagination and pragmatism to the intimidating imbalances of the bloodstock world. Embracing the modern culture of "shuttling" stallions between hemispheres, doubling their yield, it has sent Suave Dancer, Celtic Swing and Puissance to Australia and Be My Chief to Brazil. Miles Littlewort, its chief executive, hopes that such flexibility can continue to open new horizons. "Hector Protector is cur-

rently in Australia, and probably won't be arriving until after Christmas," Littlewort said. "We've got to accept that these are expensive commodities which have to be used sensibly. This deal could have far-reaching repercussions. It is now a world market, and we have to be prepared to operate within it. You can either say that you can't afford it, or turn around and say there is more problem. You can go into partnership with one another. you can use the horses more imaginatively."

Anand wins

White: Joel Lautier

Biel, July 1997

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32 Rxt3 33 Rt7

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36 Rh8 37 Ke3

38 Be2

39 Bxt5

40 Be2

41 h4

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42 Rh6

N1/3

Black: Anatoly Karpov

of Anatoly Karpov on 612 and Boris Gelfand on 512. Karpov's

chances of winning the event died

with this loss in the eighth round.

Caro-Kann Defence

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grd3 Ne8 Nc7 Be8 Kc8 Kd7

Kd6 Ke7

Black resigns

h5

to see how Shantou fares as a stallion. The St Leger winner has plenty of ability, but tends to use it most generously only when asked by the right person. That person is Frankie Dettori, and his unavailability at Ascot last time gave John Gosden reservations about running him at all. In the event, Shantou, partnered by Gary Hind, never got into the race after being hampered at halfway.

But Dettori, who rode a

Fly To The Stars, trained by Mark Johnston, attempts to follow up his recent Goodwood victory in the Prix de Tourgeville at Deauville today. Ölivier Peslier rides.

treble at Windsor yesterday, will resume the partnership in the Tripleprint Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, even though Classic Cliche or Predappio may represent Godolphin. Simon Crisford, racing manager to Godolphin, said: They have a won a classic together. Our plans won't be finalised for a day or two, anyway, as both horses have alternatives

It will be interesting one day abroad."

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

In Dublin in the early 1960s, my moustachio'd friend Derek Young played in a £5 a hundred game, a serious stake in those days. Thirty years on, he asked my opinion of an expensive

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The first problem is North's action over One Club, It is not a good idea to double with such a shapely hand. Double is ideal for three-suited hands. acceptable for strong one-suited hands, and also for less marked two-suited hands, e.g. **±AQ32 ∀AKJ42 ◆A3 ±64**

The best course of action on strong two-suiters which are at least 5-5 is to start with a cue-bid. Here North should bid Two Clubs over West's One Club. If East goes Three Clubs South can venture Three Diamonds. Now North bids Three Hearts and South can bid Three Spades, showing he prefers spades to hearts, and so North-South can arrive at their optimum con-

tract, Four Spades. My second choice on the North hand would be to bid One Heart over One Club. Of course, you would feel nervous if that were passed out, but in practice when you have a lot of distribution there is usually

should have bid Three Hearts over Three Clubs. Four Clubs sounded too much like a cue-bid in support of diamonds (though South should not have jumped to Five Diamonds). Three Hearts is a strong call, but doesn't guarantee spades. It's close whether South should pass it or bid Three Spades.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ALGOR a. An Algerian gorilla b. Cold c. A contagious disease

ARYANIZE a. To have blue eyes and bionde hair b. Animal testing of to make Aryan in Language

further bidding. Here North would undoubtedly have had the chance to get in his spades on the next round of the auction. Finally, I think North

By Raymond Keene

ARSENIC a. A dedicated Arsenal football fan b. A chemical element c. A scenic route BIFFIN a. A muffin

b. To take charge c. A baked apple Answers on page 2



Veteran wins

CHESS CORRESPONDENT Viswanathan Anand has won the Biel tournament with 7/10, ahead

White: Vassily Smyslov Black: Xie Jun Copenhagen 1997

Bb5 0-0 d3 Bg5 d5 Bxc3 Qe7 Nd8 Ne6 c5 Rd8 Nc7 Bd7 b5 bxa4 Br5 10 d4 11 Bc1 12 a4 13 Bi1 15 g3 16 Nh4 17 Nf5 18 exf5 19 Ra3 Nedā Qc7 20 dxe5 21 Oe2 22 Bg5 23 Bxf6 24 Oxe5 25 Rxe5 obes Rab8 Na6 Naf6 Qxe5 Rd2 Pixc2 Rbb2 26 27 Kh7 Pod2 28 Rc8+ 29 Rxa7 há Kh6 31 R#8 33 Bd3 Black resigns British

championship

Championship continues at Hove. Contenders include Michael Adams, Aaron Summerscale, Matthew Sadler. Andrew Martin, Mark Hebden, Tony Miles. Tony Kosten, Andrew Ledger and defending champion Chris Ward. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

White to play. This position is

from the game Sherwin -Denker, US 1968.

White has a lead in development and has opening dangerous lines against the black king. How did he now break through?

Solution on page 42

Former world champion Vassily Smyslov, 76, demonstrated superb form by becoming the top scorer in in Copenhagen.

Four Knights Defence

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The Smith & Williamson British

(£3,883; 2m 4l 11(yd) (4)

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3.15 YARMOUTH NOVICES HURDLE (£2,301 · 2m) (9)

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1 4-1 RODERICH HUDSON 25 (GO.G) J Talier 5-11-4 A P McCoy 94
2 2-1 CHOCOLATE ICE 29 (D.F.) J USHNA 4-11-1 Methael Brennan (3) 89
3 FP RELIMONT BUCCANEER J N Hopp 5-10-12 N Johnson 4
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6 Q-QQ COMMUNITY SERVICE 29 J Notion 6-10-7 D Symm ~
7 O RECRUITY SPEZE 17 Mr. S Symth 6-10-7 R Winnston (6) ~
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9 G-QQ SCALLYMAL 4 K Hogg 7-10-7 M Frister ~
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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

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The Times Private Handscapper's top rating: 4.30 POETTO. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 MOUSEHOLE (nap).

Draw: 5F-1M. Low Numbers Best 2.00 AUGUST SELLING STAKES (C2.528° 1m 5yd) (78 runners)

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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going; good to firm

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2,15 Shikaree. 2.45 The Toaster. 3.15 Roderick Hudson. 3.45 Demoniac. 4.15 Script. 4.45 Tango Man.

1 CC-2 SMCARE 21 (V.F) Li Roc 6-11-12 A P McCoy 89
2 F121 BAYERD 11 (D.F.6.S) J C Shea 6-11-5 Michael Brennan (3) 89
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2.15 CROMER NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

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3.30 (1m 67yo) 1. GOLD LANCE (L. Delton, 4-1 fav), 2. Queen's insigniting (C. Rutter, 10-1), 3. Multi Franchise (Dane O'Neil), 16-1); 4. Vanborough Lad (R. Ffrench, 11-2) ALSO RAN 7 Banzhal, 8. Ring The Chiel (5th), 10 Cape Rigeon (6th), 11 Final Warning, 14 Deevee, Fancy Design, Glittering, 16 Coasiguards Hero, Ouean of Sharmon, 20 Digpast Windowship, 25 Tael O'Swer, 33 Show Farth, 40 Protaras Bay 18 ran 11, hd, 121, 'ki, hd, R. O'Sufivan at Whacombe, Total E.5.60, £1.90, £1.70, £4.70, £1.60 DF, £31.80 Tho £493.40 CSF £43.59 Tincast £593.18 CSF £43:59 Tricast: £593:18
4.00 (1m:217yd) 1, SEATTLE SWING (G Milligan, 8-1), 2, Ocean Park (P Doe, 6-1), 3, Monte Cavo (P Roberts, 3-1), ALSO RAN 6-4 faw Monrument (Eth), 11-2 Nocdic Crest (5th), 12 The Negotiator (4th) 6 ran 141, 141, 2), pl., 11 Mirs A Perrett at Puborough Tote £11:20, £3:20, £2:40 DF £26:00 CSF; £48:87.

4.30 (1m 3! 135yd) 1. FARRINGDON HILL (Mr C Renson, 7-1), 2, Tanden (Mr O McPhail, 5-1), 3, Med Millent (Mr A

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3.45 BOSTON AND INSTRICT LICENSED VICTUALLERS MAIDEN HURDLE

(£2,322, 3m 110yd) (10)

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1 6P-2 CHRF BALE 62 (N) J O'Shea 5-11-2 ... Michael Breman (3) 90

2 FFF CEMININAE 8 (N),6 M Pipe 6-11-2 ... Michael Breman (3) 90

3 00-6 DUNGANNOM IAD 18 W 6 M Tumer 6-11-2 N Miningson (7)

4 5-05 SARL GRAV 4 (8),5 (6) A J Lochwood 10-11-2 Mass A Pariel —

5 PS3.— BENERAL PARKER 99 Mins M Mellingan 6-11-2 ... A S Smith (9)

6 GO DUNER AND MINE Mass M Rowland 5-11-2 ... 6 Hogan (3)

7 51-0 SOUTHERMICHOSSPATCH 27 (D,0) P Bowen 5-11-2

8 FOP. THE SHY PADRE 150 M Potman 8-11-2 ... J Custory —

9 U-SP MININGSAM 10 A Handra 4-10-12 ... R Greens 97

10 333 BELLE BURS C5 Mas 5 Smith 5-10-11 ... R Best 93

2-1 Demonter, 3-1 General Parker, 7-2 The Stey Parker, 11-2 Sautherneroscharch.

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☐ Martin Pipe, the trainer, teamed up with Tony McCoy. his stable jockey, to register a treble at Worcester yesterday. The pair struck with Couchant, Robert's Toy and Running De Cerisy, the lastnamed an import from France. Pipe and McCoy missed out on a four-timer when Fleet Cadet took little interest in the novices chase.



FOOTBALL

Palace and Barnsley settle in to new home

By Russell Kempson

AS NEW boys on the FA Carling Premiership block last weekend. Barnsley and Crystal Palace were almost submerged beneath an avalanche of attention. How would Barnsley perform in their first top-flight match in the club's 110-year history? How would Attilio Lombardo. Palace's £1.6 million Italian, react to his first taste of life outside Serie A? A footballing nation waited.

As often happens, the hype overshadowed reality and proved rather more palatable than the end product. Barnsley went 1-0 ahead against West Ham United at Oakwell. but lost 2-1. No fairy tale there. Palace beat Everton 2-1, with Lombardo scoring one goal and creating the other, yet raised only a few ripples of

Manchester City yesterday completed the free transfer Australia defender, from Millwall. Stockport County have beaten Bolton Wanderers and Nottingham Forest in the race to sign Vassilios Kalogeracos. another Australian player. for £150.000 from Floreat the Australian

This evening, the former Nationwide League first division sides meet at Selhurst Park, fresh from lessons learnt and with the weight of expectation perhaps temporarily lifted. Palace return home with three points already earned and will hope for more of the same; Barnsley again face opposition from the capi-tal, with renewed vigour, and

will look for improvement. Winning on Saturday will have done wonders for the players," Ray Lewington. the Palace coach, said yesterday. "They now realise they dethat they deserve to be on the

same pitch as all the others. "We now know we can compete, but we've got to keep working really hard all year round. We won't get away with making silly mistakes as we may have done sometimes in the first division. Barnsley are tough - we drew twice with them last season - but we want to show our fans

what we can do." Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, spent much of yesterday trying to strengthen his squad with the £2 million signing of Neil Emblen, the Wolverhampton Wanderers defender. Although it was unlikely that the deal would go ahead in time for Emblen to

play tonight, it emphasises Coppell's determination to

make sure Palace's stay in the

Premiership is anything but

Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, has similar aims, but realises his task is considerable. "We gave the ball away too easily against West Ham, he said. "We've got to keep it longer to give us a platform to build on.

"Perhaps a few players were affected by all the hype and all the ballyhoo, perhaps their concentration suffered a bit, but it's something they're going to have to get used to."

Neil Redfearn, the Barnsley goalscorer, said: "We wanted a good start and, unfortunately, it didn't materialise. It's only one game, but we've got to learn quickly."
Ronny Rosenthal, the Tot-

tenham Hotspur striker. joined Watford, of the Nationwide League second division. on a free transfer yesterday. Rosenthal, an Israel international, moved to White Hart Lane from Liverpool in January 1994 for £250,000.

"Ronny has played and succeeded at the highest level," Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, said. "The fact that we have recruited a player from the Premiership is a sign of our ambition."

Borussia Dortmund, the European Cup-winners, are to hold talks with Alessandro Moggi. Fabrizio Ravanelli's agent, later this month, while Everton, who tried to buy the Middlesbrough forward during the summer, also appear to have renewed their interest.

"It's a matter of sitting around and thrashing out the details with Dortmund," it's no secret the want him. Fabrizio could stay put, although I doubt it, but our discussions with Everton remain open."

Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, is hoping to complete the exchange deal between David Unsworth and Danny Williamson today. Unsworth, the Everton centre back, should go to West Ham for £1 million and Williamson, a midfield player, would move

Smith chases American dream



Smith wants to return to Britain after her four years in the United States but a career in Japan or Norway beckons

hen Ted Copeland, the England women's football coach, draws up his squad for his team's first 1999 World Cup qualifying match, against Germany next month, one regular name, Kelly Smith, is likely to be missing — not because of injury, but because Smith, 18, has flown out to the United States to begin a college soccer scholarship and has, therefore, placed a question mark over

her England career. Since making her debut for England three days after her seventeenth birthday, Smith has jinked down the left wing for her country another 12 times, tormenting her weary markers. Copeland insists that the Football Association

would pay to fly Smith back to Europe for England matches, but the college she is about to join could veto such action. It has, after all, offered her a four-year scholarship so that she plays in its team.

"I think the college will not she is available, it will be a bonus," Copeland said. "A lot of girls want to go to America, seems glamorous, but I don't know how high the quality of coaching is."

However, if Smith had stayed in England, she would be looking for a job, having just completed a diploma in sport science. The move to the United States, however, was always in her plans since she Sarah Forde investigates why the most

in sport science, which Betty-

Ann Kempf, the coach from

Seton Hall College, under-stood." After that initial visit,

Kempf kept in touch and

Seton Hall College, in South

Orange, near New York, will

have a team parading Smith's

the best-equipped women's

football club in the country,

with a coach employed by the

same Highbury organisation that runs the FA Carling

Premiership side, and, on

signing, the players are given a pair of boots and club

tracksuits. However, all play-

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skills over the

Arsenal, whom

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She joined from

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promising player in English women's football could be lost to the United States

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Smith's trail to the United States started in 1994 while playing for her first club, Pinner Park, in a tournament in Watford, her home town. Pinner Park set

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a touring team from the United States in the final, with Smith go, but there the orchestrator. scout with the visitors was impressed and Bernard

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contacts with lots of universities. Seven or eight contacted Kelly personally and others tried to get hold of her through her clubs, Wembley and Arsenal."

Two coaches flew from the United States to talk to Smith, but the level-headed teenager took her time in making her decision. "They told me how big their colleges and football leagues were, but one of them

trained on two evenings a

Smith will be bombarded with college kit and four pairs of training shoes on her arrival at Seton Hall. The squad occasionally travels by air to matches in other states and will train for three hours each day after morning class-es. All Smith's accommodation and food is paid for and she will leave with a qualification in Health and Physical Education. Smith's father conceded: "I do not want to see her go, but there is nothing keeping her here. I'll miss watching her play on Sundays. I have been doing it

for years."

Vic Akers, her coach at Arsenal, believes it is a huge disappointment for football in this country that young players such as Smith are going to the United States. We need a similar situation here where players can confootball together," Akers said. "It's a problem that needs to

Smith wants to return to play for Arsenal after her four years abroad, but she will probably, at some stage, be offered a professional con-tract in Norway or Japan, where female footballers can earn up to £60,000 a year. If such a situation does arise, England's most promising young woman footballer might never be seen playing on English turf again.

EQUESTRIANISM | IN BRIEF

Lampard is beneficiary as Skelton is dropped

By JENNY MACARTHUR

NICK SKELTON intends to put Tinka's Boy. his brilliant young horse on the market after being dropped from the British showjumping team for the first time for 12 years. The team for the European championships, announced yesterday, consists of Michael Whitaker, Robert Smith and Di Lampard - who earned their places through the new trials system - with John. Whitaker and Geoff Billington being the selectors' two

Although the roles for selection were clearly laid down at the start of the season, Skel-ton, 39, feels let down. The selection procedure's a joke," he said. "I've got one of the best young horses I've ever had, but there's no room for him in the team. He's going on the market." Skelton has helped to win three gold medals, two silver medals and a bronze during his illustrious

After a double clear on Tinka's Boy at the Gijon Nations' Cup earlier this month together with second place in the second of the four trials - Skelton thought he had done enough for selection but his decision to miss the third trial, at Peterborough, meant that he did not have

three counting scores.

I wouldn't have jumped there even if I'd gone - the ground was rock hard," he said. "If we're going to have selection trials, the courses and the going should all be up to international standard." David Broome, the chair-

man of the British Show Jumping Association, admitted the new system - where the top three partnerships from the four trials gained automatic team selection needs some "ironing out", but said that trials are here to stay. They ve opened up the sport at the top end — which is what we intended, he said. They've been very good for the overall spirit of the

Di Lampard's Abbervail Dream, owned by Robert-Verburgt, is the most conspicuous beneficiary of the new system: Verburgt bought the ten-year-old gelding after his wife, Dina, dreamt a horse Britain. A long search ensued until Abbervall Dream was found, as a three-year-old, in the yard of Noel Cawley in Co Kildare. The horse was left out of the team for Atlanta last vear, but the new trials made it impossible for the selectors to overlook his claims.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM (Surpeen champtonships in Marnhelm, Aug 28-31); M Whiteler (Virtuel Villege Ashley and Two Step), J Whiteler (Virtuel Villege Welbarn and Grannusch), G Billington (Virtuel Villege It's Otto), R Smith (Sanator Teas Hanauar and Orthers D Lummers) (Etbewerd (Erberter)

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Bradbury costs Salford

£50,000 SALFORD Reds rugby league club yesterday completed the signing for £50,000 of David Bradbury after a transfer tribunal, which freed the second-row forward to

leave Oldham Bears for less than the £200,000 that they had been demanding for him (Christopher Lrvine writes). Bradbury toured New Zealand with Great Britain last year, but he has missed most of the season because of his dispute at Oldham. He is anxious to stake a claim for inclusion in the international series against Australia in

November. Andy Gregory, the Salford coach and a contender for the Great Britain coaching position, said: "David is a class player and we have four league games and the Pre-miership left for him to push

for a Test place."

Martin Crompton, the Oldham captain, is likely to miss the rest of his side's battle against relegation from the Stones Super League after he hurt an ankle in the 36-26 defeat at St Helens.

Good start

Golf: Philip Rowe, 18, runnerup in the English Amateur Championship this month and already selected to make his senior international debut, made a confident start to his bid for the British Boys Open title at Saunton.

Rowe, from Cornwall, eased his way into round two of the championship with a 4 and 2 win over Greg Hyde, from Wath. There was a surprise when Scott Godfrey. an English junior internation-al, from St Enodoc, went down after six extra holes to Jamie Hall, from Hampshire. Godfrey had been two up with two to play.

High scorers

Rugby union: England's schoolboys continued their victorious tour of Australia when they beat New South Wales Combined High Schools 645 in Sydney when the Parkers wing the Best the Durham wing who is, contracted to Richmond, scored three of their 11 tries, with two for Jonathan Wil-kioson, the Lord Wandsworth's College centre, who penalty goal.

Newcomers

Cricket: Northamptonshire are expected to give debuts to Toby Blain, 21, a wicketkeeper, and Jason Brown, an off spinner, for the fixone with Pakistan A at Wantage Road today. David Roberts and Tim Walton, the batsmen, have joined a mounting casualty list.

Berwick 38; Oxford Cubs 38 St Austell 33; Peterborough 43 Ryde 25; Middenhaal A7 Oxford Cube 30; Latheiser 42 Belle Vue Cots 36; Peterborough 57 Shuttle Cubs 21. SEVERN BRIDGE TROPHY: Second leg: Newport 46 Exster 30 (Newport win 82-73 on 3gg).

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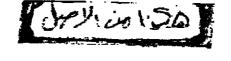
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Glamorgan in need of Waqar's thunder

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

LIKE everything else in cricket, the NatWest Trophy is set for radical change, but the start of its remodelling was in place well before the emergence of the MacLaurin blueprint. This year, the semi-finals are, for the first time, to be played on consecutive days, starting with the visit of Glamorgan to an overheated Chelmsford today.

Cricket is having to compete as a television sport. That is the hard truth behind many of The state of the s the upper-level proposals in the grand plan of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and it provides the logic for separating these showpiece games. Previously, one or

> Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, is ready to contemplate retirement, espe-cially if he is offered the chance to replace David Houghton, the outgoing coach at New Road. Moody, who doubles up as the Western Australia captain, will be 32 in October and has hinted he may end his playing days within the next two years.

> other semi-final received short shrift on live television, but both can now be screened in full. Better coverage means potentially higher fees.

There will be more refinements to come - and not only in the planned expansion of the tournament to 60 teams in 1999 and the welcome initiative that will give the minor counties a guaranteed home draw against their seniors. In future, if the finances of the game are to be the prime consideration, the semi-finals may also be staged on neutral grounds capable of holding many more than the 5,000 who have obtained tickets for

Glamorgan have raised the subject of independent venues



and it is worthy of debate. Only a few hundred of their large and vocal band of supporters have been allocated seats today, meaning the atmosphere will not be all that it might have been. Essex, who are traditionally averse to almost every change, cannot be expected to support this one just yet, though.

They will start as favourites today, if only through their familiarity with the big occa-sion. In the 20 years since Glamorgan's one visit to a Lord's final - they lost to Middlesex in what was then the Gillette Cup - Essex have contested seven knockout finals. They know the territory and the fact that they have won only two of the seven will them even more determined.

Against this can be set the fact that Essex's season has gone into decline, coincidentally in the three weeks since Graham Gooch's retirement. Defeats in both the championship and the Sunday league at Canterbury in recent days mean that the NatWest is their best chance of winning a

Injuries have been affecting their attack and both Mark llott and Ashley Cowan missed the four-day game in Kent. They will be back in action today, flott having recovered from a sore heel and Cowan from general wear and tear, but they will need to be at their best to contain the most prolitic batting side in the

Robert Croft's England place is in grave doubt, but at least the four-day finish at Trent Bridge saved him and Nasser Hussain from the absurd imposition of rushing directly to a semi-final. Croft will have his usual high profile for Glamorgan and perhaps the occasion will help

restore his spirits. For Glamorgan to win. however, Waqar Younis will probably have to cause some disarray in the Essex upper order, where the captain, Paul Prichard, will have a late fitness test on the harostring strain that caused him to use a runner for much of his defiant double-century at Canterbury.

The romantic result would be a win for Glamorgan, nourishing their improbable dreams of a championship and knockout double. Tomorrow, similarly, the heart will urge Sussex to victory at Edgbaston. The head, however, says Essex and Warwickshire will win through to what may be the last 60-over NatWest final on September 6.



coach, gives Lucy Pearson the benefit of his expert knowledge during a training session with the England women's cricket squad at Wellington College, Berkshire, yesterday. The former England all-rounder was helping to fine-tune preparations for the one-day series against South Africa, which starts on Friday in Bristol (Sarah Potter writes).

It was a session instigated by the England coach, Megan Lear. A long-time admirer of

successfully employed during his reign at Warwickshire, she believes mental toughness is vital at international level. "I read his autobiography and was impressed with his attitude." she said. "You only have to look at his record to see he's the king of motivation. I wanted to get some of that strength of mind and openess into our

Reeve was already familiar with women's ericket. His fiancée plays for Taunton and he

claims her improved batting average is due to his coaching. He has also coached the Western Australia women's team during regular trips to Perth to visit his daughter. "It is about enjoying the big occasion and about how the players can get the best out of themselves on the big day," he said. "I talked about running between the wickets, communication and a few disciplines for everyone, but it was mainly on the psychological side."

Photograph: Peter Trievnor

captain and former Notting-

hamshire batsman, approves

of the idea: The gap is not

wide between second XIs and

minor counties, but playing

against professionals would

continue to raise our stan-

Financial aspects are of

concern to Eric Burston, the

Wiltshire commercial manag-

er, who said: "Who will pay to

watch sides grinding through

Burston also has misgivings

about the proposed, expanded

NatWest Trophy format, in-

volving 60 teams, with minor

having automatic home advan-

tage against first-class counties.

That part is fine," he said, "but

selling commerical hospitality

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third-round draw would be just

about impossible. The present

September for June draw

means we have months to

The last word belongs to

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dards." he said,

MacLaurin report gains positive reaction morrow, but we have to give "It would give batsmen time to Mark Fell, the Lincolnshire

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

SOME believe that the Minor Counties Cricket Association (MCCA) is a parochial body, playing "jolly" games around the English shires, remote from the Test circuit and without a care for broader issues. Not so. Yesterday, in response to the Raising the Standard document unveiled last week by Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), its own. unofficial, way forward was revealed.

Derek Bridge, the president of MCCA, said that, pending his committee's forthcoming rubber-stamp, three of each county's nine two-day matches next summer would follow, experimentally at least, Lord MacLaurin's recommended format of 120-overs, one-innings contests instead of games of four innings over the

same duration. Yesterday, at six delightful venues, this verdict might have been the cue for the watching diehards to reach for a large drink. At Jesmond, match against Lincolnshire.

Northumberland took the opposite view during their Bill Peacock, the chairman. said: "I cannot say whether playing a longer game will foster England teams of to-

amount of excitement had been generated. Justin Benson declared Ireland's second innings closed at 192 for 5, setting the Scots a target of 274. Victory looked well wihin Scotland's reach despite the early loss of Douglas Lockhart and Mike

Allingham, while Bruce Pat-

terson and George Salmond

convinced. "Longer cricket

does not necessarily mean

better cricket and the ECB has

been quiet, indeed silent, about funding our future."

The MCCA, founded in

1895, rejected last year a one-

innings a match proposal that

was tabled by Ian Cockbain,

the Minor Counties and

DUBLIN (final day of three):

IRELAND'S annual three-

day match against Scotland

petered out to a draw at

Malahide in Dublin yester-

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treland drew with Scotland

build an innnings." the blueprint a go. If we do not Bridge said: "Some say that try it, then we won't know." Neil Hamilton, the Lincolnone-mnings, two-day games shire chairman, was not as

Cheshire captain, who said: XI championship, involves an

can be boring for players, as well as spectators. Sitting in a changing room watching a team-mate score a three-hour hundred will not appeal, but we must test it out." A further plan over the next two years. before the proposed introduction of a 38-county board that swallows up the MCCA and the first-class counties' second

FROM KARL JOHNSTON IN DUBLIN

before Benson bowled

ed 116 off the final 20 overs.

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out, instantly followed by the dismissal of Craig Wright.

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Scotland batted out time.

Eventually, the Scots need-

Patterson.

annual play-off between the winners of the existing compe-

There are doubts. Dave Hoare, the Bedfordshire secretary, a member of the MCCA management committee, said: "We have a history of reservations about playing county second teams dating back 20 years. Some didn't want a game of cricket. They had just come to practise against us with an out-of-touch batsman

120 overs? Our recent match against Devon was worth 11,000 in receipts and corpo-Scotland's effort falls short rate hospitality. I could not imagine that being repeated."

> FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-19, 3-78, 4-94, 5-158 108 BOWLING Thomson 10-2-41-2 Winghi 6-1-23-0, Shendan 8-4-40-1, Williamson 12-3-40-1, Stanger 10-2-38-1, Dyor 5-0-29-1; Allingham 1-0-3-0 SCOTLAND: First Innings 189 for 3 dec (D. Lockhart 77 not out)

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Bridge, who served the MCCA on the now-defunct Test and County Cricket Board. "I am reasonably upbeat about the MacLaurin report from the minor counties' angle. We are all working towards the same

Townsend BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT THE number of clubs in pursuit of Gregor Townsend, the Scotland and British Isles stand-off half, increased sig-

nificantly yesterday when he mer leading figures from Bath.

Townsend, who has already been linked with Richmond and Cardiff, now seems more likely than ever to leave Northampton, Whether he would do so for Bath remains a most point, for all Bath's success over the last decade. Part of Townsend's problem at Northampton is the clash of interests with Paul

Grayson, the England standoff, over the occupancy of the No 10 shirt. That shirt has been worn at Bath with increasing authority of late by Mike Cart, while they are not short of midfield talent, either. If he is to guarantee himself

European competition in the coming season, Townsend must make up his mind by Friday, the deadline for players registering for Heineken Cup and the European Conference. "It would be great to have Gregor as part of our souad." Clive Woodward. Bath's assistant coach, said, in the knowledge that at least one of his international backs. Jeremy Guscott, will not start the season until mid-September.

Guscott broke his forearm in the last match of the Lions' tour to South Africa and is one of seven capped players who will be unavailable for Bath's opening game in the Allied Dunbar Premiership on August 23, against Newcastle.

Bristol, who are now resigned to the loss of Martin Corry, their England flanker, to Leicester in the wake of the departure of Simon Shaw to Wasps and Mark Regan to Bath, have lost two further stalwarts: Ralph Knibbs, the veteran centre, is to coach Coventry and Mark Tainton. the stand-off and kicking specialist, is setting up his own sports consultancy.

HOCKEY

Scotland's final hopes are dashed

SCOTLAND'S hopes of reaching their first significant final were crushed when they went down 2-1 to the highly-rated South African team in the semi-finals of the World Cup qualifying tournament Harare yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Sue Fraser, playing in her 200th international, gave Scotland a glimmer of hope of sending the contest to extru time when she scored from a penalty corner two minutes from time to reduce the deficit. but South Africa held firm under sustained pressure to qualify for today's final.

After dominating the first half, the Springboks led 1-0 at the break through an eighthminute goal by Kerry Bee. who steered the hall past Sue Lawrie, the goalkeeper, to end her run of clean sheets at 37 corners in the competition.

The find of the tournament. Pietie Coetzee, maintained her match when she collected her thirteenth goal, beating Lawrie from the penalty spot in the 48th minute.

Karen Roberts, the South Africa captain, admitted the Scots had given her team a real fright in the closing stages. New Zealand qualified for the final with a 2-1 win

Sri Lanka survive Ganguly onslaught

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SAURAV GANGULY scored a career-best 147 vesterday to give India a 43-run firstinnings lead in the second and final Ťest against Sri Lanka in Colombo, but Sri Lanka had taken charge by the close on the third day, reaching 77 for one in their second innings to set up an intriguing contest. Sri Lanka will start the fourth day with a lead of 34 runs, hoping to set India a fourth-innings target of

Ganguly scored 100 of the 149 runs that India added to

around 350 on a wearing

wicket at the Sinhalese Sports

their overnight score of 226 for four before being last man out at 375, half an hour after tea. His seven-hour stay kept India in the game after a lowerorder collapse in which the last five wickets fell for 47

The 25-year-old left-hander hit 19 fours and two sixes to surpass his 136 against England at Trent Bridge last summer before holing out trying to force the pace. Muttiah Muralitharan, the off spinner, brought the innings to a close, taking three of the last five wickets. He was the leading wicket-taker with four for 99 from 48 overs. The Sri Lanka openers.

Marvan Atapattu, saw off the India seam bowlers in the final session with a stand of 65. However, Anil Kumble, the leg spinner, broke the partnership with a ball that turned sharply and found the edge of Atapattu's bat, carrying to Azharuddin in the slips. Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama were together when play ended early because of bad light.

Sanath Jayasuriya and

SRI LANKA: First Innings 332 (P A de Silva 146; D Moherny 4 for 78)

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This time the gloves are on.

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British world champion a genuine contender again

P Hill is back up the mountain

MICHAEL CALVIN

on proof that winners don't always take it all

yrton Senna would have been inconsulable and cloistered out of the public eye in a motorhome that had the ambience of a funeral parlour. Nigel Mansell would have wrenched the steering wheel from its mounting and headed for the nearest television camera to rage at fate. Even Michael Schumacher would have found his studied stoicism impossible to sustain.

Yet Damon Hill, denied due reward for the greatest drive of his career at the Hungaroring on Sunday, responded with the slightly distracted air of a man who had found a penny in the gutter after watching his last 50p piece roll down a drain. He was grateful for the small mercy of second placephilosophical beyond the point of credulity.

He ignored countless invitations to wallow in self-pity. restricting himself to the observation that "it's always nice being at the front. It makes you feel better about yourself. because you know you are being noticed. I'll go away and look back on this weekend and be satisfied with it".

We should have expected no less. Hill is that rarity in the egocentric world of Formula One, a man who refuses to be stifled by its introspective conventions. He defies the cliches of professional sport by proving that winning is not everything. Second is anywhere but nowhere. He has a world title to emphasise that nice guys are not necessarily doomed to finishing last.

His is not the manufactured popularity of a Frank Bruno. He does not arouse ephemeral Henman. The self-promotional absurdities of an Ian Wright or a Naseem Hamed are anathema to him. Unlike Colin Montgomeric and the mediocrities of the England cricket team, he can win when matters; in contrast to the British

seek excuses. Frank Williams, his former employer, misjudged the prevailing mood after the Hungarian Grand Prix reflecting that we had a bit of luck but, never mind, that's motor racing. The sympathy aroused by the hydraulic problems that prevented Hill from

athletics squad, he does not



winning testified to the respect that he has gained in adversity. It was led by Schumacher, amplified by Alain Prost and given Villeneuve's blessing.

They were, to use Schu-macher's phrase, "frankly amazed" by the extent of Hill's achievement. In the longer term, the development proinfatuation, like a Tim gramme overseen by the design guru, John Barnard, might produce a competitive car for Tom Walkinshaw's team, but, at the weekend, the sight of an Arrows-Yamaha at the front of the grid was as incongruous as a rust-streaked MOT failure on the forecourt of a Rolls-Royce dealership.

Memories are selective and acutely personal. My outstanding image of Hill's career before Sunday was not of his coronation as world champion at Suzuka last November, but of a masterly drive through torrential rain to win at the Japanese circuit two years

previously. He summoned the courage and skill to drive through apparently impenetrable walls of spray and conquered his inner demons as efficiently as he dealt with Schumacher.

Last weekend's performance revealed different qualities. Hill used his experience of the Hungaroring - a narrow, McLaren, with Newey and claustrophobic track that de- Mercedes, you'd have to say

with the designer, Adrian Newey, a close friend whose disaffection with Hill's dismissal from Williams was a contributory factor in his acrimonious move to McLaren. Jordan admitted: "In a

possible". The most likely

scenario is that the world

champion will be reunited

'He was grateful for second place, philosophical beyond credulity'

mands unrelenting concentration - to the full. Once in front, he justified the pre-race assertion of Eddie Jordan, that only Schumacher can match the air of invincibility that Hill radiates when he is in the lead.

Jordan has been erroneously linked with Hill, but admits. with the wry smile of a street politician, that "anything is drivers in the world."

that Damon would have a realistic chance of the champ-ionship." This would please Bernie Ecclestone, the entrepreneur who is Formula One's defining figure. He reflected vesterday: "We need him [Hill] in a top team next season. I'm sure that will happen because he's one of the top three

He is now in the South of France, at a summer holiday home with the young family that is the emotional bedrock of his life. "It's easy to get forgotten in motor racing," he acknowledged. "I'm back in fashion at the moment, but I'm just as pleased for the guys in the garage. Some of them have been in Formula One for years, but had never been near

Even Walkinshaw, who insists

that he has yet to open serious

negotations with Hill concern-

ing 1998, conceded that he

"could certainly understand"

if the Briton left Arrows at the

completion of his one-year

contract. Hill, with typical

pragmatism, views such spec-

ulation as an unnecessary

diversion. He is suspicious of

instant judgments.

the podium before."

They, assuredly, pleased for him. Popularity is an optional extra in Formula One, but it is nice to know that it still matters to some.

GOLF: HEAVY DEFEAT FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR CHANGE

Walker Cup must seek European aid

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, believes the time is right for

home countries to broaden horizons in contest with United States

two months before the match.

Great Britain and Ireland

courses of action after Great Britain and Ireland's disastrous performance in the Walker Cup. The first is to analyse it to death, the second is to concede that it was a real drubbing and have done with it. The correct response probably lies somewhere in between. It was a drubbing and

it was one of those days. Those words sum up the 1997 Walker Cup march that ended in the 18-n victory for the United States on Sunday evening. As it happens, though they appeared in this newspaper in the aftermath of Great Britain and Ireland's 19-5 defeat in 1993.

What is going on? After winning only 11 out of 48 points in these Walker Cups.

pared with two in the previous 70 years. Why, then, when it seems that Great Britain and Ireland are becoming more competitive, do the United States inflict such heavy defeats? The

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page M

ALGOR (b) Cold. especially that experienced in the onset of fever. From the Latin word algère, to be cold. "For over colde doo dowes dounge at eve! Aboute her roote, algor away to dryve."

(c) To make characteristically Aryan. Made Aryan in language though not of Aryan race, as in the case with some East Indian tribes or peoples. Thus all India. . was thoroughly Aryanized."

(b) Name of one of the chemical elements, and of some of its compounds, which are violent poisons. From the Greek arsenikon yellow orpiment. That comes from the Greek for masculine, male or macho, an unkind early feminist reflection that men are poison. Chaucer: "Arsnek sat armoniak and

(c) A baked apple. flattened in the form of a cake. It is named from the cooking apple cultivated especially in Norfolk. The name is a dialect pronunciation of beefings, for beef referring to the deep red colour of the apple. The spelling beaufin has been fabricated to give colour to a fictitious from the French beautiful + fin fine. "Beat his enormous head as flat as a biffin."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1, Rxh7+1 K3h7; 2, Qxg6+ KhS; 3, (4490 and the rook comes to the h-file with

wider than it appears. In short, though Great Britain and Ireland have improved, so is amateur golf in Great Britain and Ireland in a slump? Of course not. Two too have the United States. sometimes by taking a leaf out of someone else's book. For Walker Cup matches have example, this year, for the first been won since 1987, comtime, the United States team met for a weekend practice

began using a squad system and having regular practice sessions after the defeat in Before the match this year. answer is that the gap remains

much was made of Great Britain and Ireland's two victories in the previous four and an indication that the Walker Cup had become a more evenhanded contest. It has not. The United States enjoy huge numerical advantages as well as the benefits of an enormous competitive programme in colleges and universities. Their victories tend to be wide, their defeats narrow.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andreus deserves credit for the more professional approach it has brought to

ream preparation for this competition, yet, in the end, Great Britain and Ireland lost because 100 many players were either not as good as they appeared to be at home or played below expectations. Barclay Howard did not need to be told that he was the best example of the latter. He was as upset by his poor play as The visiting players were

outdriven and outputted. Whether they lost accuracy because they were striving for length or whether they were unable to hit the ball as straight as often, they could not keep the ball on the fairway as the Americans did. Thus they could not attack the greens with their second or third shots. This, in turn, meant that they were often chipping from thick greenside rough, of which they have little experience, or facing long

They did not want to have to do either of these on lightningfast greens. A more brutal assessment of the foregoing is

WALKER CUP DETAILS

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ed now is whether or not the R&A and the United States Golf Association want this competition to continue as a meeting of like-minded English-speaking friends at which lifelong friendships are formed? If they do, then leave the competition as it is. Downing Gray, the United

States captain, was firm in his view. "I don't even want to consider having Europe in-volved," he said. "We have a legacy here that was started in 1922 and it's not just about who has the most points that this is all about. It's about international relationships, competition, friendships that will last for decades. We're not playing for money. We're playing for the love of the

Golf's two governing bodies are certainly delighted with the improved status that the Walker Cun enjoys. At most, it is contributing to the upsurge in interest in team golf created by the excitement of the Ryder, Curtis and Solheim cups. Such interest in the Walker Cup will wane if it remains so one-sided and with it will go its new exposure on television and its accompany-

ing increased revenues. It is time to include players from mainland Europe. No longer do Europe's hest amateurs come solely from the four home countries. Spain are the European champions. To select a Walker Cup team from the entire continent and not just a part of it may after the nature of the competition. but it will save it as an important golfing event

Back in the crime habit Cadfael: The Rose Rent ITV, 8.30pm Sir Derek Jacobi dons the monk's habit to solve another brutal misdeed in medieval England. Although Jacobi's Cadfael may lack some of the

Although Jacobi's Cadfael may lack some of the roughness and disillusion of the Ellis Peters original, television continues to serve the novels well.

Only a scholar of the 12th century can judge how authentic the period re-creation is, but it looks convincing on the screen and forms a satisfying back-drop to the unravelling of the puzzle. Christopher Russell, who also writes for A Touch of Frost, was responsible for this latest adaptation. In The Rose Rent Kitty Aldridge plays a rich young woman whose sudden widowhood has the men of the area lining up to marry her and secure her wealth. Murder follows. The pace is unhurried but never drags, and Cadinel's patient sleuthing is a delight.

In Cold Blood BBC2, 9.00pm

Shiva's Wedding

Radio 4, 10.00am (FM)

It is television's turn to dramatise the senseless murder of the Kansas farming family which inspired the Truman Capote novel and a Hollywood film. Running to the standard mini-series length of three hours, spread over tonight and tomorrow, the story has plenty of time to develop. Indeed much of tonight's episode is taken up by sketching in the backgrounds and characters of the killers and their victims. Although they look much older than the 20-year-olds of real life, Anthony Edwards, from ER, and Eric Roberts give convincing substance to the criminals who set out to rob the wealthy rancher, Herb Clutter, and commit murder instead. The Clutter family, conventional God-fearing parents and their teenage children, are sketched with a similar attention to detail and the flat, empty Kansas landscape gives a solid feeling of place.

Indian Summer: The Forgotten Famin Channel 4, 9.00pm

Here is another of those documentaries in a genre Channel 4 has made its own, the disinterment of an embarrassing episode from the past. During-1943 and 1944 three million people died of starvation in the province of Bengal. Mark. Halliley's film argues that the famine was largely

Midnight's Legacy. Radio 4's ambitious series marking the 50th anniverary of India's and Pakistan's independence, should carry a health warning: the brilliant colours its contributors employ

ing: the originant coopers its contributions employed could cause mind's eye dazzle, and the chanting, city noises and general hubbub the microphones pick up, could make sensitive eardrums thump. Ruchira Gupta, in the first of two programmes about India's deities, launches yet amother authorized.

visual assault on us. Shiva, patron of the city of Varanasi, is one of India's top gods, and the spectacular festival commemorating his wedding is what Gupta describes this morning. Shiva sounds very special—no caste, easy to please, benign, and he can assume any form his worshippers desire.

Children cared for by Barnardos (BBC1)

the fault of the British administration, which then the fault of the British administration, which their tried to conceal it. Admittedly there was a war on Japanese troops had swept through Burma and were poised to advance on India. But the British are charged with making a bad situation worse. Starving villagers converged on Calcutta, whose streets became littered with the bodies of the dead and dying. Only when Lord Wavell became Viceroy of India did things get better. But this was no thanks, the film claims, to Winston Churchill who disliked India and its people.

Barnardo's Children: Voyages of Discovery

The tears running down John Williams's face as he searched for the mother he had not seen for years was one of those pieces of intimate television that you never forget. His story was told in a previous series of Barnardo's Children two years ago. This new programme, one of two this week, recalls and updates Williams's quest and features others inspired by his example. The result is not only a raft of affecting personal stories, by no means all of them with a happy ending, but an insight into Barnardos itself. Pounded in the Victorian era to provide a refuge for destitute children, it was run with strict military discipline and was better at supplying material needs than emotional ones. But its motives were of the highest and it has moved with BBC1, 9.30pm motives were of the highest and it has moved with the times, as Thursday's programme will show.

Radio 3, 7.00pm

Pierre Boulez's is the big name to conjure with tonight. He is conducting the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra in a Prom of 20th-century works including Stravinsky's Rite of Spring, Bartok's Four Pieces for Orchestra and Ravel's Le Tombeau & de Couperin. Predictably, Boulez includes one of a line own brainchildren Notations I-IV, a reworking of four earth create. This part execution of the content of the conten of four early pieces. This is not easy stuff for some. Promgoers to cope with, even if they accept his advice. "Just listen with the vastness of the world in mind: you can't fail to get the message." In the interval, at 8,00pm, he and Brian Morton by a reconstructing what would have been Boulez's one 2 and only symphony the reconstruction of strick he and only symphony, the manuscript of which he

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7.00am Russ n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dena 1.00pm Nack Abbot 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter.

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9.00 Morning Collection, with Permy Gore, Includes Mazart (Serenade in D, K185); Schumainn, orch Shostakovich (Violin Concerto in A minor)

10.00 Muselcal Encounters, with Susan Sharpe. 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Susen Sharpe, Includes Tohalkovsky (Polonaise, Eugene Onegin); Chopin (Ballade No 1 in G minor, Op 23); Haydn (Violin Concerto in C); Mozart (Adagoc in E. K261); Booker (Main of Phil)

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30 No 2); Basch (Poeme); Wieniawski (Variations on an Original Theme) (I)
2.00 BBC Proms 97. Another chance to hear last
Friday's concert leaturing Michaele de Young,
mezzo, Krzysztof Smietara, violar, BBC Symphony
Orchestra under Jiri Belohlavek, Bartok (Kossuth);
Berio (Folk Songs); Schubert (Rondo in a, D438);
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12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Clare Catford.
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4.45 Short Story: A Visitor from Paidsten. Written by Ramal. Read by Sheheen Khan
5.00 PM, with Charlle Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
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7.00 News 7.95 The Archers
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8.00 Science New. Akin Lewis explores the latest developments in science (r)
8.30 In Living Colouir. The last in the series which locuses on black and Asian perspectives on issues in the Lik. With Trevor Phillips (6/6)
9.00 In Touch. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people
9.20 Kaledoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Midnight's Children, by Salman Rushcie. Read by Roshan Seth (2/15)
11.00 Meditimwane. A roundup of the media events (r) six programmes in which Leslie Forbes Imaves through time in search of a good meal. This week's destination is a Victorian bampuel (r)
12.30 an The Late Book: Biggest Elvis, by P.F. Kluge. Read by Ros Bergles (2/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
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another ganger-haired guy, only he's got a weird beard, and carns a lot less money than I do. Robin bangs the drum for Britain all over the world. He'll be on in a minute, isn't that right, Will? And later, in our Newsnight Freak Or Unique slot, we'll be showing you - are ready for this? - yes, we've actually found a Cabinet minister who believes that many poor working people in Britain have a tough time and should get a helping hand from the Govern-

ment. Honesti We have! "But over to our first guest: a big hand for Mister Robin Cook! Hi, Rob, or should I be calling you Secretary of State or something: I dunno, I dunno - whaddo I know? - I dumo, anyway. Rob, you've But the trouble with watching had a lot on your plate in your first . Hollywood presenters is that not

Newseight's new studio andience, Chris Evans squealed: And on tonight's show we have Robin Cook—that's right. although that's meant that you've often had to work late, you haven't exactly been forgetting your tooth-brush, have you Robin? Eh? Eh? Well, it wasn't quite like that last

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night. But maybe next year. While the BBC and ITN have been struggling to quell criticism of their plans to inject more glamour into documentaries and news bulletins (the BBC thinks more viewers would watch serious programmes if they were fronted by Chris Evans or Úlrika Jonsson, while ITN is nurturing a stable of superstar reporters) their rivals are making the most of their head start Last night's In The Wild. presented by Debra Winger (it was Holly Hunter last week), showed again how ITV is stealing a march when it comes to shoving film stars into the sort of shows that were once an Attenborough sanctuary.

Stars moonlighting as humble presenters 100 days in office Robin, but only do they want to bring their son, Noah, along, but they come with cinematic baggage. As you watched Winger journey through China in search of a giant panda, you kept expecting Richard Gere to emerge from the undergrowth in his white Officer And A Gentle-man uniform and carry Winger off over his shoulder, while her anxious Chinese guides wondered why the sound of Joe Cocker singing Up Where We Belong was wailing through the Xin Ling

> xplaining why she was so interested in safeguarding the future of the panda, Winger told us: 'My son's name being Noah, I've always had sort of an attraction to the story of Noah." Presumably, if she had named him Sandy, we would be watching her chasing camels in the Gobi Desert. Next time we see David Attenborough presenting a





natural history programme, I'll be waiting for him to tell us: "My brother's name being Dick, I've always...'

Joe

The trouble is that we didn't see Debra's panda until the last few minutes, but wary of leaving us panda-less, the producer kept in-serting clips of unknown pandas sitting around like fat slobs who have just awoken after a night on the tiles and will be helping police

with their inquiries just as soon as huskily. And Winger is a big name eight months, depending on the their hangover has worn off. Professor Pan Wenshi, the world

authority on pandas who was chaperoning Debra and Noah, seemed bemused - probably by how it could have escaped his notice that somebody else in the world seemed to be just as passionate about pandas as he was. At Foping National Nature Reserve they finally found a panda cub. which earned the professor a below-the-title screen credit; When we started out," croaked Debra, weeping with emotion, "I doubted that pandas had a chance. Now I believe, with friends like Professor Pan, they just might."

Her work on Earth done, you expected Winger to take to her sick bed and die a ten-hanky death, as she did in Terms Of Endearment. But she and Noah wanted to leave their mark by giving the panda a name. Noah chose Faith. "It's a big name for a tiny cub," said Winger

for a tiny wildlife documentary.

or a glimpse of how presenters used to be, All Mod Cons (BBC2) began with a 30-yearold clip of John Noakes, introducing Blue Peter viewers to the latest crazy thing in the Groovy Sixties. "And now for a mystery object." said John in that voice sceptics adopt when describing Carl Andre's Bricks as a work of art. "1 wonder if you can guess what it is."
It was a waist-high beambag. "I had to be told... It's a piece of way out furniture. It's a 'chair!"

The baby-boom generation had reached an age in life when they were rich enough and groovy enough to move into their own "pad" and furnish it with beanbags and posters of Che Guevara: and flat-pack furniture from Terence Conran's new Habitat store, which could be assembled in anything between two hours and quality of your drugs supply.

Too bad that so many people gave away all their 1960s junk to men like Shaun Kent. The Flying

Scrapman (Channel 4), before realising that in the 1990s their plywood slot-together tables and their chicken bricks would again be in vogue (in a knowing, ironic, Post-Modern kind of way). But Shaun's obsession is the Kowloon Bridge, which sank off the Irish coast in 1986 with a cargo of iron ore. Shaun bought it for El and thinks it will make him his fortune

once he raises it. Shaun, with his piercing blue eyes and his dentless determination, tells his story well himself. Sadly, Michael Clifford's film ends just as Shaun has finished decking out his salvage ship and is heading off to his wreck. But if there's a follow-up documentary, it will probably be presented by Reeves and Mortimer instead.

6.00em Business Breakfast (59299) 7.00 BBC Breekfast News (T) (47367) 9.00 Breekfast News Extra (T) (5320086) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (T) [5301396] 9.50 Esther (f) (T) (8297478)

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9.50 Estate (9.17) (0.27473)
10.28 Put II to the Test (5264744).
10.45 Caren Cooper's Cooking with Confidence Fish (229688).
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11.05 Due South (0.17) (586888).
11.50 Good Neighbours (88686).

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6.30 Regional News (183) 7.00 Holidays Out Includes Hever Castle, a high speed lanch on Concorde, the River Thames, Irish B&Bs, Jersey and the Europa theme park in Germany (1)

7.30 EastEnders Time runs out for Sarah and Joe, while Annie has an invitation for Grant (f) (367) Grant (1) (367)

8.00 Wildlife on One: Piranhas The majority

of the 30 varieties of South American

piranta don't desarve, their species' evil
reputation (1) (3096)

8.30 Keeping tip Appearances
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lan't agreeing with Richard (1) (1) (5831)

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Matcolm, Muriel and Boger confront the nagging question of how bey came to be living under the care of Br Barnardo and embark on the long and arducus journey Into their past to trace their natural parents (1/2) (1) (970183) WALES: 9.30 Answering Back (20015) 10.00 Barnerdo's Children (22/675) 10.60 Made in Wales (743541),

10.20 The X Files: F Emasculata Mulder joins a menhant for two dangerous escaped convicts who are believed to be infected with a kiler disease (r) (1) (318589)

11.05 You Decide with John Humphrys

(159183) 11.55 Bump in the Right (1991) with Merecith Barter-Birney and Christopher Reeve. A psychological theller about a woman tracking down her son's abductors.
Directed by Karan Arthur (1) (353657).
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2.10 News 1.25am Weather (3538961)

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10:25 Cricket: NatWest Trophy Live coverage of the first semi-final in the 60-overs-a-side competition as Essex take on Giamorgan at Chainsford. Essex will look to Australian Stuart Law and England's Nasser Hussen to help them to Lond's, while Stepporen have a potential match. white Glamorgan have a potential match winner in Pakistan's Waqir Younis

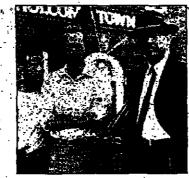
12.45pm See Hear! (1) (269763) 1.15 A-Z of Food (r) (51472744) 1.25 Cricket: NatiWest Trophy Further two coverage until the close of play from Chelmsford (5/686560)

NB; Subsequent programmes are subject to change and late running 7.30 Home Ground: The Diary Derek Jacob

recounts the story of Lance Corporal Bill Smith, who died while working on the Burma-Siam reliway as a prisoner of the Japanese during the Second World War

8.00 Call My Blaff Jilly Cooper, Terry Waite, Dermot Mumaghan and Colin Salmon Join team captains The Times columnist Alan Coren and Sandi Toksvig (r) (T)

8.30 Ainsley's Barbecue Bible The flamboyant chet rounds off his barbecuing tour with a visit to Australia, the spiritual home of the barble (T) (3473)



Roberts, Edwards and Nelli (9,00pm)

In Cold Blood (1/2) Recre-ation of a brutal, meaningless staying of a Kansas tamily. When a prisoner hears of a prosperous farme with a safe full of money he plans to rob it on his release. However, there is no sale. With Anthony Edwards, Sam Neill and Eric Roberts. Concludes tomorrow (T)

10.28 Video Nation Shorts (146251) 10.30 Newsmight (1) (369473)
11.15 Cricket: NatWest Trophy Highlights of today's semi-final between Essex and

Glamorgan (177589) 12.10am Animated 2: PearTs Diner Lynn Smith's cartoon about a typical American caté (3965394)

12.30 Learning Zone: Open University: Writing a Report (99139) 1.00 Engineering Mechanics (92085) 2.00 Summer Nights: Sporting Chance Collections 2 (13936) 4.00 Languages. Espana Viva/Spanish Globo (24503)

HTV 6.00am GMTV (7774831) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (1) (5395725) 9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3256251) 10.20 News (T) (6058299) 10.25 Regional News (1) (6040270)

10.29 HTV Crimestoppers (6040270) 10.30 Between the Darkness and the Dawn (1985) with Elizabeth Montgomery, James Naughton and Karen Grassle A woman awakens from a twenty-year coma to discover her high-school sweetheart has married her sister.

Directed by Peter Levin (51017473) 12.20pm Regional News (1) and weather (4661473)

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2.20 Murder, She Wrote Angela Lansbury as the amateur sleuth Jessica Fletcher 3.20 News (T) (2558947) 3.25 Regional News (T) (2557218)

3.30 The Riddlers (r) (1568201) 3.40 Ozzie the Owl (6648251) 3.50 Zot the Dog (6675763) 4.00 Scooby Doo and Scrappy Doo (r) (2143763) 4.10 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (r) (T) (2149947) 4.20 Captain Star (T) (4383611) 4.45 The Scoop (T) (6943580) 5.10 Highway to Heaven (2/2) (2680744)

5.40 News (I) and weather (271299) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (276116) 6.25 HTV Weather (924305)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) and weather (251) 7.00 Emmerdale A social worker has shocking news for the Calms household (T) (2744) 7.30 People and Pets Jenny Hull investigates the issues surrounding the quarantine

laws (763) 8.00 The Bill George Garfield displays a lack of professionalism when he gets personally involved in an old man's death



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Cadfael: The Rose Rent Derek Jacobi returns as the sleuthing monk in the first of three medieval mysteries (1) (35928) 10.00 News (T) and weather (64294) 10.30 Regional News (T) (734893) 10.40 West Match Plus (834102) 11.40 West mater Plus (0.541/2)

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3.40 The Loop (74108961) WESTCOUNTRY

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6.00 Space Cadets Lighthearted sci-fi quiz. With William Shatner, Bruce Dickinson, Angela Rippon and Ford Kiernan (T)

6.30 Roseanne (r) (T) (893) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (620744) 7.50 Girls, Girls Being a young woman in the 1990s (828102) 8.00 Tool Stories George Herbert oversees

Robert McDonagh's extra extension; Yvonne Allen putting the finishing touches to her conservatory and Craig Masson and Andrew McMinn fit a chandelier in their London townhouse (T) (9034)

8.30 Brookside The pressure of trying for a baby is getting to Max and Susannah. Cassie confesses all to Jackle white Jimmy implores Mick to keep his part in Gladys's death quiet (T) (8541)



Victims of the Bengal famine (9.00pm)

9.00 Indian Summer: The Forgottan Famine A famine that claimed three million lives (T) (7763) 10.00 Breasts Twenty-two American female: aged between six and 84 talk about the (T) (7522)

11.00 Vic Reeves' Blg Night Out (r) (9638) 11.30 Gas New cornedy acts (T) (752589) 12.05am Nightwatch Topical phone in series

1.05 Saturday Night and Sunday Morning (1960, bW) Albert Finney stars, as a factory worker with a complicated love life. With Rachel Roberts and Shirley Ann

(426597)

2.45 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (6964348) 3.30 Beloved Enemy (1936, b/w) with Brian
Aheme and Merie Oberon. Romance
between an Inish insurrount leader and the between an Irish insurgent leader and the daughter of a leading British civil servant. Directed by H.C. Potter (768936)

5.05 Modern American Poets (r) (T) (3782464) 5.40 Film and Video Showcase (6203752)

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6.00am 5 News Early (7760980)

7.30 Havakazoo (6486270) 8.00 The Enid Blyton Adventure Series (2819541) 8.30 WideWorld: Whose Health Dr Mark

and illness (2818812) 9.00 Espresso (6434980) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (9960657) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (2838676)

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11.00 Leeza (2065657) 11.50 Double Espresso (33685386) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (2829928) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8214021)

1.00 5 News Update (T) (22575947) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (1776183) 2.00 5's Company (3190638) 3.30 Mr and Mrs Smith (1941) With Carole

Lombard, Robert Montgomery and Gene Raymond. A screwball comedy from Altred Hitchcock, about a couple who discover that their marriage is not really legal (7659639)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (60337367) 5.30 100 Per Cent (5155947)

6.00 Move on Up (T) (5145560) 6.30 Family Affairs Jack tries to get the truth out of Maria (T) (5136812)



Vivienne Westwood (7.00pm)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip. Includes interviews with designers Ben de Lisi and

7.30 Small Miracles: The Wandering Monarch A documentary about the long migration of the monarch butterfly (T) (5132096)

8.00 Plastic Fantastic An insight into male cosmetic surgery — a growing trend — and in particular, the rare pectoral implants (9517805)

8.30 5 News with Kirsty Young (T) (5301152) 9.00 Poltergelst: The Legacy Rachaet's daughter is targeted by a malevolent spirit (T) (5005560)

9.50 Poltargeist: The Lagacy Derek tinds himself on trial for his life (T) (2140589) 10.45 Not the Jack Docherty Show Comedy and chat (5310947)

11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3194454) 12.30am Live and Dangerous Includes, at 1.45, motor sport (45040690)

3.45 Live and Dangerous: Futbol Americas A round-up from Latin America (7408481) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco (T)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6422145)

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6.00em Morring Glory (180015) 8.00 Regis and Kethie Lee (#2580) 10.00 Another World (81395) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (84812) 12.00 Oprah Wintrey (87590) 1.00pm Geraldo (#3880) 2.00 Sally Jassy Raphael (#0580) 3.00 Jerny Jones (*76744) 4.00 Oprah Wintrey (\$2551) 5.00 Sally Jassy Rephael (#0580) 3.00 Jerny Jones (*76745) 4.00 Oprah Wintrey (\$2551) 5.00 Sall Treft. The Next Generation (*7831) 6.00 Resi TV (*7913) 6.30 Married — with Children (*473) 7.00 The Simpsons (\$550) 7.30 M*A*S*H (\$137) 8.00 Speech (*4850) 8.30 Coppers (\$3015) 9.00 The World's Most Desgarous Arumsis I (\$5387) 18.00 The Estanothrasy & Resasta 11.00 Say Treft The Next Genera-Armets I (8385) 10.00 The Expandinary (18454) 11.00 Star Traic The Next Genera-tion (41855) 12.00 this Store with David Letterman (91884) 1.00 Hz Next (9534435)

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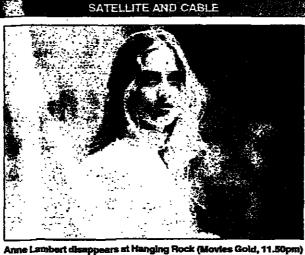
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England captain told to carry on

Atherton takes charge of his own destiny

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

DESPITE the doom and disinevitably proportion spawned by another Ashes defeat, the England management intends to stand firm against the clamour for panic measures. Michael Atherton will be offered the chance to fulfil his own forecast agenda by winning in the West Indies this winter, probably with Adam Hollioake as his deputy and captain-elect.

The onus is therefore on Atherton himself to balance his enthusiasm for one more leadership challenge against the argument that after a four-year cycle in the job. this is a natural time to stand down. Atherton, never one to rush into such decisions, will seek the counsel of friends and mentors in the coming days.

His spirits will not have been lifted yesterday, when some of the reaction to England's defeat in the fifth Test at Trent Bridge was hysterical and personal. Nobody could enjoy seeing himself called a "dead duck" or accused, in the most preposterous of headmimpersonating an England cricket captain", especially when Atherton's principal "sin" is to be in charge of a team outplayed by awesome

There have been times when Atherton's captaincy has been cautious, obtuse and even misguided, though these have

has grown into the job. He is, after all, not yet 30, an age when Allan Border still did not know what it was to lead a powerful team.

Atherton has suffered, primarily, for being expected to win games consistently without a world-class bowler, a feat forever beyond the most gifted of captains. Yet, in that most ghastly of British traits, he has been portrayed as infallible one month and impossible the next.

A decent, intelligent but essentially ordinary man, it would be small wonder if he

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back on it all, but experience, allied to his obstinate nature, has helped to develop a thick skin and a tendency for defiance. If he resigns, it will be because he has had enough of an onerous, consuming and invariably thankless position. not due to those who rant that

The lowest ebb for Atherton came not on Sunday, but a fortnight earlier in Leeds. where realistic prospects of winning the Ashes were relinquished. Atherton, often more eloquent in defeat than vic-

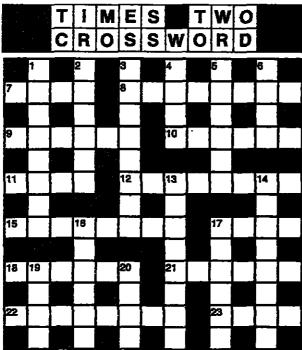
Cronje reappointed

HANSIE CRONIE will cap- away series against Pakistan. tain South Africa on their a tour of Australia a home five-Test tour of England next summer. Cronje has been re-appointed for the 1997-98 season, the United Cricket Board of South Africa confirmed yesterday.

He will be in charge for a hectic period, taking in 16 Test matches, with home and

series against Sri Lanka and then the trip to England, their second since being readmitted to international cricket.

Gary Kirsten, the Western Province opening batsman, will be Cronje's vice-captain throughout the season, the



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day and felt depressed for some days afterwards.

in charge. He relished various aspects of the Nottingham Test, in which England played to their potential for all but the last day. Sadly, it will be the

selectors, confesses that he is awaiting enlightenment.

"It is true that he was low after Headingley. I was just as bad myself. I think we both felt it more keenly because of the expectations that had been raised by winning the first Test and the speed with which they were dashed.

"Trent Bridge just con-firmed what will happen to playing these Australians on a flat pitch. They make things happen so quickly that games which lan Healy took on our hearts. I think, and our batting after that was unacceptable, too many players the heat in the kitchen. But. until that point, we had shown

a lot of character. As Graveney is acutely aware. Atherton's resignation would create a dilemma. There are three viable contenders to replace him, but none are demonstrably right for the moment. Alec Stewart would be a negative, shortterm measure sure to send out the wrong signals: Nasser Hussain is a shrewd tactician. but a deep and complex perjust played his first Test. As Stewart's role is already



Atherton: widely respected

sufficiently confused and Hussain's place is not yet automatic, the progressive candidate is Hollioake, who proved at Trent Bridge not only that he has the temperament and technique to be a Test batsman, but that his bowling may not be quite as negligible as it promised.

Hollicake has been struck by the Australians' respect for his captain. I had a long chat with Sieve Waugh when we all went into the Australian dressingroom after the game." he said. "and he was saying just how much the Australians respect Atherton. Waugh said: They say he's like a cockroach you can't kill. You stamp on him

but he keeps coming back." If Atherton stands down in the coming days or weeks, the job would be vacant too soon to be ideal for Hollioake. Better by far to allow him to learn as vice-captain on a taur.

the England coach, and received ample reassurance re-

Within that time, he spoke regularly with David Lloyd. garding the management view of his situation. After a further conversation with Bob Bennett, chairman of both the England management committee and his county, Lancashire. Atherton was in no doubt that he should continue

massacre that Sunday became that will be remembered.

Atherton is wise enough to expect no respite from scorn and speculation, as he intimated when he spoke on Sunday evening about the "black and white" that dominates popular perceptions of our sporting teams. Equally, he was offering no hints on his long-term intentions. Even David Graveney, the chairman of

"I have spoken to Michael regularly, of course, and he is well aware of my views," Graveney said yesterday. "I want him to go on doing the job and I think it is in the interests of the team for him to remain as captain this winter.

most teams in the world can run away from you. The hour on Sunday morning in bowlers broke everyone's indicating they couldn't stand

> half operating in the FA Carling Premiership. Ferguson highlighted defence as the area most in need of strengthening if his side was ever to mount a concerted effort to win the European Cup. It was the heroic effort of Jurgen Kohler, the Borussia Dorumund central defender, that denied United a berth in last season's final and out into perspective the Manchester

club's own failings. Ferguson was offered Kohler during the summer, but the player's age counted against him. Similarly, attempts to sign Markus Babbel, another Germany international, and Celio Silva, of Brazil, were doomed to failure.

son, their manager.

Even in equalling the Brit-

ish record for a defender that

Chelsea paid to Blackburn

Rovers for the services of

Graeme Le Saux only last

week. Ferguson has pulled off

something of a coup. Berg. 28.

the Norway international de-

fender, who cost Rovers just

£400.000 from Lilleström in

Jasnuary 1993, was described

recently by Kenny Dalglish,

the former Rovers manager,

as the most consistent centre

Many will raise eyebrows at

in his assessement of the price. BY AGREEING to pay a fee of "It is a lot of money, but the money is not an issue," he E5 million for Henning Berg, Manchester United yesterday said. "He is a quality internaillustrated not only the inflat-ed nature of the domestic tional who is proven in the Premiership and he has the versatility and mobility we transfer market, but also the have been searching for. It is a astute nature of Alex Fergu-

great signing for us. Similarly, Martin Edwards, the club chairman, was dismissive of the fee. "It is a price we have to pay. We wanted the player and we went out to get him. We did our business quietly and efficiently," he

In Berg, United have a Continental defender already with 159 Premiership appearances under his belt and 44

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international caps. They also have secured a solid centre half who can play at full back and is comfortable on the ball. However, it is not the signing of such an accomplished player that is Ferguson's greatest achievement, but the fact that end. he persuaded Rovers to sell to United at all.

Bad blood has existed between the clubs for some time. culminating in a famous statement by Robert Coar, the Blackburn chairman, suggesting that Rovers' players would be sold to United over his dead body. Thus Alan Shearer was denied his wish to move to Oid

Trafford and instead had to settle for Newcastle United.

Turning point: Banque Internationale à Luxembourg, skippered by Ross Field of New Zealand, leads the monohull fleet around the Fastnet Rock at the mid-point of the 605-mile Fastnet Race yesterday. Italy led overall, with Britain in fourth place. Report, page 38

United add Berg to defensive mix

Berg admitted his relief at finally joining United. "Blackburn are a big club, but United are a great one, possibly the biggest in Europe, and it is a chance any player must iumo at." he said. Everyone knows there is a

problem with the two clubs. Alan Shearer wanted to come here and Blackburn simply wouldn't let him. When United first made an approach for me over a year ago. I said I wanted to go and I repeated that during the summer, but I never expressed that beyond the chairman and Mr Walker ithe owner and, when Blackbum signed a replacement think they appreciated I

hadn't gone public and let me have my move." Ferguson explained that the transfer was a triumph for perseverence. "He originally trained with United as a kid ten years ago, but we couldn't get a work permit," he said.
"We were worried that we wouldn't get him this time and that's why we went for others. but it turned out all right in the

If Berg is happy at being allowed a move, then John Barnes, the former Liverpool captain, is less so. He was granted a free transfer by Liverpool yesterday after ten years' service at the club.

Barnes has been pushed ou by the arrival at Anfield of three new midfield players and realised his fate on Satur-

Celtic await their chance

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it is better to be playing the

first leg away. There is always

an emphasis on playing well.

but if we can get a result ahead

of the home leg, that could work for us. We must be

ready to change tactics as the

Jansen's only injury worry

concerns Stephane Mahe, the

France defender, whose ankle

will undergo a late test before

the starting line-up is finalised. "Stephane is the

only player who has not

reported fully fit and will

clearly need a late run." Jan-

Jock Brown, the Celtic gen-

eral manager, was at Glasgow

airport vesterday morning,

but confirmed that he was

match dictates.

sen said.

CELTIC made the worst start AS Roma and Saturday's 7-0 possible in the build-up to beating of Berwick in the Coca-Cola Cop.

We are developing a settled their Uefa Cup second qualifying round. first-leg tie against FC Tirol Innsbruck tonight team now, with only Regi Blinker missing because he when they endured a five-hour has sadly not met the Euro-pean deadline. I don't know if delay before their plane was able to take off.

Celtic kick-started their campaign with an 8-0 aggregate thrashing of Inter Cable-Tel, of Cardiff, but Wim Jansen, the head coach, realises that the Austrian team will prove to be a more difficult proposition.

Jansen pointed to the way that Celtic have performed since their defeat against Hibernian at Easter Road in their opening league match as evidence of a recent improvement. However, he believes a positive result is needed in Austria if Celtic are to be in with a chance in the return at

Celtic Park This is the toughest game we have played so far." he said. "I just want to continue the way of playing we showed in the 1-0 friendly win against deals, though it is not out of the question I could be heading off somewhere on a plane

myself soon. There are several on-going situations regarding new recruits and I'm hopeful of securing at least one player before Friday's European deadline. I am not expecting to announce anything before Wednesday, though, with everyone being away, but I'm confident progress will be made "

Davie Bowman, the Dundee United midfield player, knows exactly what is required his team Trabzonspor in their Uefa Cup match tonight. Tornmy McLean, the United manager, is expecting an intimidating and hostile atmosphere in Turkey and Bowman, 33, said: We must concentrate on the joh in hand. Our aim is to keep things tight during the first 25 minutes. If we can do that, it might be like facing Celtic or Rangers in that their fans

"I do feel some sadness, but I'm not bitter," he said. "I happen to believe that the manager is wrong because I still think I should be in the team, but then all players think they should be playing."

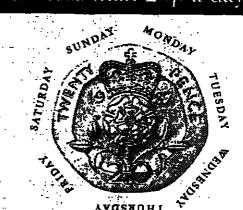
Barnes, 33, has already been approached by Watford, his former club, with an offer to join as a player-coach, but he prefers to stay in the Premiership. He will talk to Harry Redknapp, the West Ham United manager, within the next 48 hours and is ready to move to London Aston Villa, though, made an inquiry during the summer and could

return, given the lack of a fee.



Berg: accomplished

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